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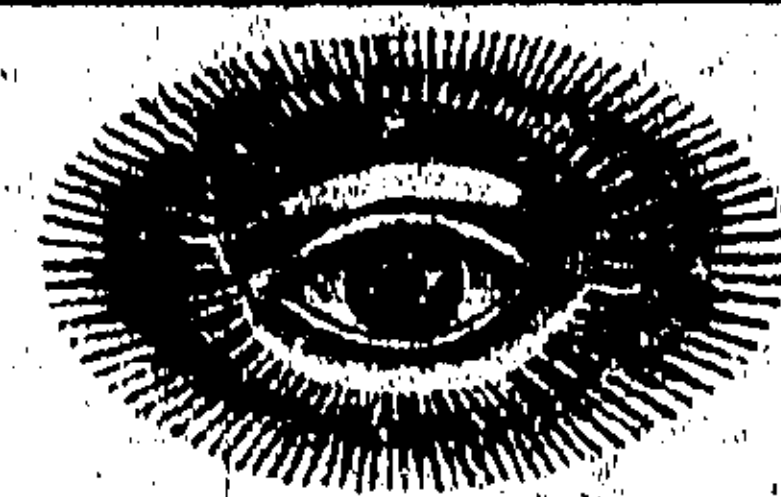
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BURNING OF "SUNNING." SHIPS MATS AND KEROSENE OIL. The Attack on the Guards. NAVAL OFFICERS CROSS-EXAMINED THIS MORNING.

The Case against the twenty Chinese charged with being implicated in the piracy of the s.s. "Sunning," which occupied the attention of Mr. R. E. Lindsell throughout yesterday, was continued at the Central Magistracy this morning, when the Crown Solicitor, Mr. H. K. Holmes, called the Indian guards—the first to be attacked when the pirates secured command of the ship.

Just before the Court rose, at 5.25 p.m. yesterday, Mr. J. A. Gordon Leask, defending the 19th accused, submitted that he had no case to answer. The Magistrate agreed, and discharged Mr. Leask's client—the ship's carpenter.

Interest throughout the afternoon hearing was centred round the evidence of Sub-Lieut. Thurston, Surgeon-Lieut. Rankine, and Leading-Seaman Bird, all of H.M.S. "Bluebell." Contradictory evidence regarding the arrest of the 6th accused resulted in a searching cross-examination by Mr. M. K. Lo (defending).

Mr. Leo d'Almada is defending the 2nd accused, who is said to be a military officer attached to the army of General Cheng Chiang-ming.

The prosecution is in the hands of Mr. H. K. Holmes, the Crown Solicitor.

This Morning's Hearing.

The first witness called at this morning's hearing was Summat Singh, who stated that he was the No. 1 ship's guard on the s.s. "Sunning." He was on duty when the vessel left Amoy at 9.30 a.m. on November 15. Two guards were always on duty when the ship was at sea. There were grilles fore and aft, one of which was usually left open.

Witness, who was on duty until noon, was sleeping during the afternoon. At 4 o'clock he heard a commotion and began to get out of his bed when he was seized by two Chinese who were armed with pistols. Fifteen minutes afterwards, the other two guards were brought in by a number of other armed Chinese. They were all searched and then locked in the guard room, an armed Chinese standing outside the door. They remained locked in the guard room until midnight, when they were taken to the poop deck.

Burning the Ship.

Witness and the other three guards remained on the poop deck until 1 o'clock. They were constantly guarded all the time. Witness saw a number of Chinese carrying coir mats to the centre of the ship, and others carrying tins of kerosene oil. Shortly afterwards witness saw the ship on fire.

Continuing, witness said that whilst on the poop deck the Chinese lowered one of the life-boats. Witness and the other guards were forced to help the Chinese lower the boat, after which they were escorted back to the guard room where they were again locked up. They remained there until about 8 a.m., when the door was broken open and they were released and ordered to assist in putting out the fire.

Asked by the Crown Solicitor whether he could identify any of the prisoners, witness said that he could not remember their faces.

Mr. d'Almada, who is defending the 2nd accused, did not cross-examine this witness.

Questioned by Mr. Lo (for the 6th defendant) witness said that he had been in Hong Kong for four years and two months. He had been a ship's guard for about three years.

Moola Singh corroborated the evidence of the last witness.

Yesterday's Hearing.

Recalled at the resumed hearing yesterday afternoon, Sub-Lieut. E. W. Thurston, of H.M.S. "Bluebell," in answer to Mr. Lo, said that the Captain was present and took part in the identification parade that was held on the "Sunning" almost immediately after the arrival of the armed party from the "Bluebell." Witness thought the Captain pointed out a number of men.

Captain Nervous.

Mr. Lo: When you got on board, did the Captain appear to be nervous?—I should say that he was very highly strung.

Mr. Lo: Was the 6th defendant arrested under your orders?—Yes.

Mr. Lo: Was the complainant standing by?—Some Chinese were there.

Mr. Lo: Did the 6th defendant try to speak to any of those men?—Yes.

Mr. Lo: Will you try and recall to your mind and let me know whether you can qualify your statement that he was wearing a raincoat and cap?—I am pretty certain that he was.

Mr. Lo: Did you search many of the suspects yourself?—About half of them.

Mr. Lo: In the majority of cases, did you find many things on them?—I was merely looking for arms.

Mr. Lo: That applied also to the 6th defendant?—Yes.

Mr. Lo: Besides the articles mentioned, did you find anything else?—Yes. Two note books.

Mr. Lo: If the 6th defendant were to say on oath that he produced a book and showed it to the complainant, would you say it was untrue?—No.

Mr. Lo: Would you be surprised to learn that when he was taken over by the police, he was found with a gold watch on him?—Yes I should.

Mr. Lo: Do you think that you could have made a mistake?—No.

Mr. Lo: The 6th defendant will swear that he was not searched by you, and the Police will say that they found a watch in his pocket.

Witness made no comment upon this statement.

Witness agreed that when conducting the search, he was surrounded by a number of Chinese.

Mr. Lo: What did you do with the various suspects?—I put them in my haversack.

Naval or Military?

Mr. Lo: I don't think that I have seen a Naval haversack. Is it similar to a military one?

Witness: I cannot say that I have seen a military one. (Laughter.)

Continuing, witness said that he did not sort out the contents of the haversack until after the arrival of the Police.

Mr. Lo: Roughly twenty-eight hours after your arrival on the "Sunning"?—Yes.

Mr. Lo: How many things did you find and put into your haversack?—About twenty.

Mr. Lo: And with the things taken by the other searchers, there would be considerably more?—Yes.

Mr. Lo: When the Police arrived and you began your task of separation, what did you do?—I handed them over to Chief Inspector Murphy.

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"A SERIOUS CASE."

ALLEGED QUEEN'S PIER ASSAULT.

WARRANT FOR ARREST.

Edward Zimmern, who described himself as a merchant, but who declined to give an address when brought to Central Station yesterday afternoon following his arrest at Queen's pier on a charge of assaulting a ticket seller, failed to put in an appearance when his name was called in Major Willson's Court at the Central Magistracy this morning.

Defendant had been released on bail of \$15.

In making an order that defendant's bail should be estreated, his Worship said that it was undoubtedly a serious case of assault, and a warrant would be issued for the arrest of the defendant.

OBITUARY.

CAPT. N. W. VAN CORTLANDT OF JARDINE'S.

DEATH AT SINGAPORE.

The China Coast loses one of its best known skippers in Captain N. W. Van Cortlandt, of the Indo-China S. N. Co., who died yesterday on board the "Macedonia," just as that ship was entering Singapore on a homeward bound trip.

Deceased had been suffering for about a year from an abdominal cyst. His leave was about due and he left a few days ago to be operated on at Home. There was no cause for anxiety and the cable report of his death came as a great surprise to Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., by whom he was very highly respected.

The funeral took place in Singapore, wreaths being carried by the Hong Kong office staff, Captain P. H. Rolfe and other superintendents of the company.

War Service.

Captain Van Cortlandt was only in his 37th year. At the age of 21 (in 1910) he joined Indo-China Co., was promoted chief officer in 1913 and master in 1919.

He was married and his wife resides at Home. As far as is known he does not leave a family. The father of deceased is Major R. Van Cortlandt, a retired Army officer, who is also resident in the United Kingdom.

Captain Van Cortlandt's last ship was the "Kwaikang," on the Hong Kong-Bangkok run. During the War he was mostly on the "Cheongshing" and saw service in Mesopotamia, gaining the Mercantile Marine and War medals.

MILITARY WEDDING. INTERESTING HONG KONG CEREMONY.

MAJOR PETERSON AND MRS. COMPTON SMITH.

A wedding of considerable interest took place at St. John's Cathedral yesterday, when Gladys Mary, widow of Major Compton Smith, was married to Major Guy Lansberry Peterson, of the R.A.S.C.

The bride's former husband, it will be recalled, was killed in Ireland by Republican forces, who having taken him captive whilst engaged in sketching operations, held him as hostage for the survivors of a party of Irish volunteers.

The wedding was a quiet one, being attended by a few officers from military units stationed here, and a few friends. The Rev. H. V. Copley officiated.

Major-General C. C. Luard, C.B., C.M.G., gave the bride away and Major Bennett, M.C., was the best man.

After the ceremony, the bride and bridegroom left the church under an archway of crossed swords. A reception was given at Headquarters House after which Major and Mrs. Peterson left for Repulse Bay. They leave later for Fanning.

Amongst those present at the ceremony and later at the reception were: Mrs. and Miss Luard, Col. and Mrs. C. Russell Brown, Col. and Mrs. Boylan, Smith, Mrs. Macready, Commander Broadley, Commander Fitzcarron-Jones, Lieut. Col. C. M. Stephen, Major Roberts, Capt. E. W. Morris, Capt. and Mrs. H. N. E. Walker, Major L. J. Lightfoot, Major A. R. Stamford, Lieut. and Mrs. C. H. Atkins, Lieut. R. Q. F. Johnston (A.D.C.) and Mrs. Johnston.

Warrant officers, N.C.O.'s and men of the R.A.S.C. and I.A.S.C. (permanent staff) also attended.

BANISHEE TO BE BIRCHED.

Charged with the theft of a rug and with returning from banishment, a Chinese was sent to jail for ten months and ordered twenty strokes with the birch by Major C. Willson at the Central Magistracy yesterday. Inspector Vincent, prosecuting, said that in addition to the banishment order made by the Hong Kong Magistrate, the defendant had been banished from Singapore for twenty years.

TO-DAY'S DOLLAR.

The closing rate of the dollar, on demand, to-day was 1/11 3/16.

ANOTHER CAPTURE.

Nationalists Advance on North.

ENTRY OF ANKING REPORTED.

Direct Challenge to Marshal Chang Tso-lin.

Another signal success is claimed for the Nationalist forces now advancing along the lower Yangtse Valley.

A Chinese cable to hand says that a Southern detachment, starting from Kuikiang in Kiangsi province, has entered Anking, a port further down the River, which is the capital of Anhui province (recently "ceded" by Marshal Sun Chuan-fang to the Fengtien Party).

The capture of Hangchow—already reported—is not so much a

MILITARY RISING.

A Revolt in South Portugal.

Lisbon, Dec. 16.

It is reported that a military revolt has broken out in south Portugal. The Government has sent troops to deal with the rebels.—Reuter.

direct challenge to Marshal Chang Tso-lin as it is an advance into Anking.

The report adds that Marshal Sun Chuan-fang's garrison, at Anking has retired further down the river (in the direction of Nanking and Shanghai) to the rice port of Wuhu.

Clash Imminent.

No further developments along the Hangchow-Shanghai Railway are indicated. Military observers think that the Cantonese will wait until a bigger force, at least 20,000 strong, is moved up into Chekiang before an attempt will be made to stretch northwards into Kiangsu province and thus encroach on Shanghai (native city).

Meanwhile Marshal Sun is strengthening his forces along the Kiangsu-Chekiang frontier and no other solution but a clash seems possible.

In the other direction, i.e., westwards from Hankow towards Szechuan province, the stronghold of General Yang Sen (who, in spite of many contradictions is still anti-Canton), the Nationalists are said to be advancing rapidly on Ichang, another important port further up than Shanghai (which is already in the hands of the Cantonese). Other military experts predict that Yang Sen will be driven up the Yangtse towards Chungking, the Treaty Port furthest up the Yangtze.

Hangchow Occupied.

Shanghai, Dec. 16.

It is confirmed that Hangchow has been occupied by 1,500 Southerners from Kiangsi.

It was Cantonese troops, operating in plain clothes, who cut the railway.

Sun Chuan-fang has established his main line of defence at Kashing, 60 miles from Shanghai and midway between Shanghai and Hangchow.

Sun and Chang.

Sun is reported to have sent a message to Chang Tsung-chang stating that he had sufficient forces to deal with the Cantonese and that he does not require assistance.

A telegram from Hankow, dated the 15th inst., states that the China Inland Mission has received an urgent telegram from Ichang stating that the situation is serious and advising that missionaries do not proceed upriver for the present.

Position of Foreigners.

As far as foreigners are concerned the situation is not fraught with any serious dangers but fears are expressed of the possibility of some looting in the native sections before the evacuation is finally completed. It is expected that the Kuichowites will occupy Ichang tonight or to-morrow, thus bringing another important city in Central China under Southern jurisdiction.—Reuter.

Yang Sen Incident.

Shanghai, Dec. 16.

Late in the evening a number of troops boarded the American-owned steamer "Hing" and endeavoured to

OUT OF WORK.

TWO EUROPEANS BEFORE MAGISTRATE.

SENT TO HOUSE OF DETENTION.

Thomas Vaughan Jenkins, an unemployed Englishman, appeared before Major C. Willson at the Central Magistracy this morning, charged with being destitute and without visible means of support.

Defendant, in reply to the Magistrate, said "That's right, Sir. I have been promised a job in Canton and hope to be able to get it."

Act. Sub. Insp. Alston informed his Worship that defendant was "quite respectable when sober. He has been in the House of Detention several times, but gets into trouble when he has a drink or two."

Major Willson: I send you to the House of Detention again. You will be allowed out from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. and I hope you will be able to find work. Don't get into trouble again.

George Demetrioski, an Armenian of Russian nationality, was charged with a similar offence.

Act. Sub. Insp. Alston said that the defendant came of a good family, but had been turned out of his native country by the Bolsheviks in 1922. He had been trying to get to Australia.

His Worship sent the man to the House of Detention.

CHANGE FOR WORSE.

EMPEROR OF JAPAN'S CONDITION.

SUMMONS TO CABINET.

Tokyo, Dec. 16.

A bulletin just issued says the Emperor's pulse is quickening rapidly.

An urgent message has been received ordering the entire Cabinet and Privy Council to go to Hayama immediately.

The Household Department announces a sudden change for the worse.—Reuter.

WEATHER FORECAST

Till noon to-morrow, the official weather forecast for all local districts is:—N.E. winds, fresh; generally overcast, some drizzle or mist.

At 11.25 a.m. to-day, the Observatory reported:—

Pressure has increased slightly over China and decreased slightly over Japan. It is nearly stationary over the Philippines.

Meteorological observations at 6 a.m. to-day:—barometer 29.98; temperature 57; humidity 97; wind E.; force 2; weather overcast.

force the captain to proceed upstream.

The American gunboat "Eleazar" cleared for action and sent an ultimatum to the soldiers immediately to leave the "Hing."

What would have proved a serious situation was finally averted by the appearance of one of Yang Sen's staff officers, who cleared the troops off the boat.

Since the Ichang troops left the American ship, the situation has been easier.—Reuter.

"Socony" Vessel Fired On.

Peking, Dec. 16.

The "Socony" vessel, "Meifoo," was heavily fired on between Shai and Ichang on the 15th instant, presumably by Kuichow troops. There were no casualties.

A Shanghai telegram states: "Socony's" steamer "Meifoo" arrived at Ichang yesterday from down-river and reported that large bodies of troops were about 25 miles below Ichang. These are thought to be Yuan Tso-ming's Kuichowites, who have thrown in their lot with the Southerners.

Meanwhile, it is reported from other Ichang sources that Yang Sen's troops are evacuating, and commandeering junks and launches, all native-owned craft, with the object of crossing the river and proceeding overland to Szechuan.

As regards the fighting in the South-East sector it appears the Cantonese intend to attack Anking from the west simultaneously with an advance on Hangchow and Shanghai. Decisive fighting is expected within a month.—Reuter.

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Pearce, Mrs. A. Pearce, Mr. R.
Turnbull, Mr. S. Harcourt, Mrs. C.
Harcourt, Mr. A. Beyliner, Mr.
Hayashi Iwato, Mr. Kan Magosai-
buro, Mr. Elizabeth Walker, Mrs. S.
Matsumoto, Master K. Matsumoto,
Miss S. Matsumoto.

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sident McKinley" who arrived at
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Fagon, Rev. F. Giner, Mr. J. A.
Hyndman, Miss E. C. Kenny,
Mr. R. S. Pirie, Miss M. Ryder,
Mr. J. B. Scott, Mr. M. Soledad,
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Miss M. Hunter, Miss C. Jenkins,
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The B. I. s.s. "Talma" left Amoy
for this port yesterday, and is due
here to-day, at about 4 p.m.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of
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STEAMER AGROUND.

"TAI LEE" DELAYED IN
THE FOG.

THE MACAO RUN.

Anxiety was felt on the water-
front yesterday morning on the
non-arrival of the Sze Yap Co.'s
"Tai Lee" from Kongmoon.
When near Whangmoon, this
steamerboat ran aground in the
fog and was thus delayed about
twelve hours, getting in to Hong
Kong just on noon yesterday in-
stead of a little after midnight
the night before.

No damage was suffered.
The "Sui An" did not run to
Macao on Wednesday nor the
"Sui Tai" from Macao to Hong
Kong but the normal run has
been resumed.

MOTOR SHIPS.

VIEWS OF SIR FREDERICK
LEWIS.

NORTH ATLANTIC COSTS.

Those engaged in the manufac-
ture and selling of marine Diesel
engines will have no doubt noted
the opinion of Sir Frederick Lewis
that for vessels engaged mainly in
the North Atlantic trade the em-
ployment of motor-ships is not at
present prices a paying proposition.
He was speaking at the annual
meeting of Manchester Liners,
Limited, the fleet of which, he ex-
plained, spends more time in port
than at sea. The real economy of
motor-ship trading, in his view, is
during the time the vessel is on the
ocean, but he added that when the
construction of the Diesel engine
becomes "stabilised" and its first
cost is brought to a lower level dis-
abilities under which in certain
circumstances it labours might dis-
appear. Champions of the internal
combustion engine will no doubt
reply that for ships which spend
considerable periods in port those
which are driven by Diesels have
an advantage over the steamer,
since the standby expenses are
restricted in their case to the
power necessary to work the deck
machinery and for lighting. Sir
Frederick and his colleagues must,
however, have closely examined the
problem in all its bearings, and,
after all, it is agreed on all hands
that the longer the voyage the
greater are the economies shown by
the motor-ship, and especially on
routes where the fuel oil is pro-
curable at reasonable prices.

NEW YACHT.

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THREE MOTOR LAUNCHES.

One of the most important
among the large new yachts built
this year, has just been launched
from Messrs. Camper and Nichol-
son's yard. For many reasons the
vessel, named "Vita," is of spe-
cial interest. She has, in the
first place, been built for the
well-known aero engineer, Mr.
T. Sopwith. As may be im-
agined, she is fitted with internal
combustion engines, not only for
the main power plant, but also for
auxiliary purposes. She
carries, for instance, no fewer
than three motor launches, each
fitted with an Alfa Craig marine
motor. "These engines are of the
very latest overhead valve de-
sign, for which the makers, the
Alfa Craig Motor Co., Ltd., of
Chiswick, London, are so well
known. The launches are of
different sizes, the largest being
a fast 24 foot of mahogany,
fitted with a Kid Six de luxe
20-30 h.p. unit, the next a 20-ft.
utility and towing launch, with
a 10-14 h.p. Kid 4-cylinder en-
gine with reduction gear, and
the smallest a 16-ft. boat with a
2-cylinder Kid Junior 6-3 h.p.
engine. The yacht is fitted
throughout with electric light,
heated by electric radiators, and
fires, while electric fans and a
refrigerating plant are also pro-
vided.

Pleading guilty to a charge of
failing to observe the rule of
the road on December 13, the
master of the steam launch
"Hermes" was fined \$6 or five
days' hard labour by Lt.-Comdr.
G. F. Hole at the Marine Court
yesterday.

HELPS THOSE HARD COUGHS.

THE danger of influenza is its ten-
dency to develop into pleurisy and
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"SHANGHAIED."

SAILORS TELL A CONRADIAN
TALE.

REBELS' TYRANNY.

Thirteen American sailors—
twelve members of the crew and the
captain of the "Foam," a New York
boat—have just returned from
South America to tell a Conradian
tale of how they were "shanghaied"
into a gun-running expedition by
Nicaraguan rebels. Their vessel
left New York at the end of July
bound for California via the
Panama Canal. However, after
stopping for repairs at some port
near Vera Cruz, where the dirty
work began. Twenty Mexicans be-
gan to load up the ship with boxes
of ammunition. Several of the
crew protested to the captain, but
he would not hear of them leaving
the ship. Later, Nicaraguan rebels
boarded the boat, donned their uni-
forms and swaggered about the
deck, making the crew work at the
point of the pistol. They unpacked
the ammunition—rifles, machine
guns, and a 37-millimetre gun which
was mounted on the fore-castle.
Thus, for two months, the protest-
ing, sullen crew were forced to
work while the ship was used in the
revolutionary game. Small towns
were shelled, soldiers were trans-
ported from place to place, until,
luckily for the crew, the ship ran
aground. The Nicaraguans desert-
ed it; the crew were forced to sub-
sist for sixteen days on canned food
and coffee, until they were eventual-
ly taken off by an American cruiser.

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EMPRESS OF ASIA	Jan. 26	Jan. 29	Feb. 1	Feb. 4	Feb. 13		
EMPRESS OF CANADA	Feb. 16	Feb. 19	Feb. 22	Feb. 25	Mar. 6		
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	Mar. 9	Mar. 12	Mar. 15	Mar. 18	Mar. 27		
EMPRESS OF ASIA	Mar. 30	Apr. 2	Apr. 5	Apr. 8	Apr. 17		
EMPRESS OF CANADA	Apr. 20	Apr. 23	Apr. 26	Apr. 29	May 6		
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	May 11	May 14	May 17	May 20	May 29		
EMPRESS OF ASIA	June 1	June 4	June 7	June 10	June 19		
EMPRESS OF CANADA	June 22	June 25	June 28	July 1	July 10		
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	July 11	July 14	July 17	July 20	July 29		
EMPRESS OF ASIA	July 22	July 25	July 28	Aug. 1	Aug. 10		

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Nono.			
MINZAPORE	4,715	20th Dec.	Marseilles, London, Hamburg & R'dam
YANZA	7,023	6th Jan.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay
DELTA	10,941	8th Jan.	Marseilles and London
KALYAN	9,144	22nd Jan.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
DEVANHA	8,555	28th Jan.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay
BORNA	10,918	5th Feb.	Marseilles and London
DELTA	9,005	19th Feb.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
KASHGAR	8,552	25th Feb.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
NEILLORE	10,902	5th March	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
MANUHA	8,005	12th March	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & R'dam
KASHGAR	8,005	18th March	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay
YANZA	7,023	17th March	Marseilles and London
DELTA	10,941	2nd April	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay
MACDONIA	11,120	2nd April	Marseilles and London
DEVANHA	8,555	9th April	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
KARMALA	9,128	16th April	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay
DELTA	8,007	28th April	Marseilles and London
MAUWA	10,941	30th April	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay
KHIVA	5,135	14th May	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
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SHIRALA	7,841	29th Dec.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta
TAKIWA	10,918	2nd Jan.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta
TAKADA	8,549	21st Jan.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta
TILAWA	10,000	4th Feb.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Calcutta

EASTERN & AUSTRALIAN SAILINGS (South)

* ST. ALBANS	4,500	31st Dec.	Manila, Sandakan, Thursday Island,
ARAFURA	4,000	28th Jan.	Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney, &
TANDA	6,556	4th March	Melbourne.
ST. ALBANS	4,500	1st April	
ARAFURA	4,000	29th April	
TANDA	6,556	3rd June	

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London via Panama Canal.

SAILINGS TO SHANGHAI & JAPAN

KALYAN	9,114	25th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
ARAFURA	8,949	31st Dec.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka
TAKADA	8,000	4th Jan.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka and Yokohama
DEVANHA	10,918	7th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
TILAWA	10,000	12th Jan.	Shanghai & Kobe
KASHGAR	8,005	21st Jan.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
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LOCAL SHIPPING.

TO-DAY'S ARRIVALS AND
CLEARANCES.

THE MORNING LIST.

This morning, the following sea-
going arrivals at Hong Kong were
reported:—

Arrivals.

Newchwang (1501 tons) British,
from Tientsin, Amoy: B. & S.—
1,500 tons of general goods for
Hong Kong and 1 passenger.

Mau Sang, (2,083 tons), British,
from Sandakan; J. M. & Co., 3,000
tons general for H.K.—71 passen-
gers.

Chak Sang, (1,470 tons) British
from Bangkok, Swatow; J. M. & Co.—
2,180 tons of rice H.K., 6 passen-
gers.

Telemechias, (1,340 tons), British,
from Saigon; Wo Fat Sing & Co.—
1,300 tons rice for H.K., 43 pas-
sengers.

Borealis (2,651 tons), British,
from Tarakan; A. P. C.—5,387
tons liquid fuel for H.K.

Hydrangea, (561 tons), British,
from Fort Bayard; Chiu On & Co.—
14 tons general and 204 passen-
gers for H.K.

Vulcanus, (707 tons) Dutch, from
Haiphong A.P.C.—18 tons empty
drums for H.K.

Hirundo (1,125 tons) Norwegian,
from Bangkok, Swatow, Thoresen
& Co.—1,100 tons rice for H.K.

Aki Maru, (3,572 tons) Japanese,
from Melbourne, Manila; N.Y.K. &
Co.—174 tons general for H.K. and
2,452 tons of general goods for
ports beyond, 88 passengers.

Derawongse, (1,047 tons), Ger-
man from Hoihow; Cheong Yee &
Co.—2,000 tons of rice for H.K., 2
passengers.

Haiman, (641 tons) Chi., from
Canton; Yau Fat & Co.

Enr Lee, (865 tons) Chinese,
from Canton; Yee Tai & Co.

Departures.

For Canton: Chakwa Maru.
For Swatow: Peking Maru.

For Muntok: Tikembang.
For Keelung: Nishin Maru.

For Hoihow: Hellas, Team.
For Amoy: Vulcanus.

For Tourang: Chung Kong.
For Saigon: Tjippanas.

For Singapore: Andes Maru.
For Moji: Bokuyo Maru.

Clearances.

For Singapore: Uzo Maru.
For Canton: Sinkiang.

For Nagasaki: Aki Maru.
For Manila: Changte.

For Sandakan: Lok Sun.
For Hongay: Taikoo Wan Yi.

LATEST ARRIVALS.

Kwong Foo (168 tons), Chin-
ese, from Malowchow; Hong Hing
& Co.

Deli Maru (1,290), Japanese,
from Canton; O.S.K. & Co.; 50
tons general for H.K.

Toyei Maru (1,387), Japanese,
from Kiriin; M.B.K. & Co.; 2,550
tons coal for H.K. and 2,100 tons
beyond.

Kum Sang (3,341), British,
from Calcutta, Singapore; J.M. &
C.; 2,149 tons general H.K. and
4,546 tons beyond.

President McKinley (14,174),
American, from Manila; Admiral
Oriental Line, 350 tons general
H.K. and 596 tons beyond, and
135 passengers.

President Wilson (8,319),
American, from Manila; Dollar
Line; 112 tons general for H.K.
and 2,500 tons beyond, and 42
passengers.

Nanning (1,505), British, from
Shanghai; Swatow; C.N. Co.; 550
tons general for H.K. and 50 tons
beyond.

Nanchang (1,506), British, from
Shanghai; C.M. Co., 50 tons
general for H.K. and 50 tons be-
yond.

TRAWLERS CAUGHT.

ACTIVITIES OF DANISH
CRUISER.

The Danish fishery cruiser
"Fylla" has, during a nine
months' cruise in Iceland waters,
arrested 13 trawlers for infringe-
ments of the fishery regulations,
says a "Daily Mail" report. Nine
of the offenders were German,
three British, and one Icelandic.
The fish and fishing gear were
confiscated and fines amounting
to \$8,700 were imposed. The
"Fylla" was formerly a British
Admiralty mine-sweeping sloop.

Cholera still further de-
clined in Shanghai in October,
says a report just issued, the num-
ber of cases notified among the
Chinese from all sources, includ-
ing the International Settlement,
the French Concession, and the
surrounding Chinese districts,
being only 32 compared with 871
during the previous month.
Among resident foreigners there
was only one death from cholera.

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Destination	Steamer	Sailing
Bangkok via Swatow	HANGSANG	Sat., 18th Dec. at 3 p.m.
Osaka via Amoy, Shanghai,	KUMSANG	Sun., 19th Dec. at 7 a.m.
Kobe & Moji	HOPSAK	Sun., 19th Dec. at 9 a.m.
Tientsin via Swatow & S'hai	MINGSANG	Sun., 19th Dec. at 9 a.m.
Haliphong via Hoihow	LEESANG	Mon., 20th Dec. at 9 a.m.
Tientsin	CHEONGSHING	Tues., 21st Dec. at Noon
Tientsin via Swatow & S'hai	LEESANG	Tues., 21st Dec. at 7 a.m.
Osaka via Moji & Kobe	NAMSANG	Fri., 24th Dec. at 7 a.m.
Tientsin via Swatow & S'hai	MAUSANG	Fri., 24th Dec. at 2 p.m.
Straits and Calcutta	KWASANG	Sun., 26th Dec. at 7 a.m.
Tientsin via Swatow & S'hai	LAISANG	Tues., 28th Dec. at 3 p.m.
Tientsin	YATSHING	Tues., 28th Dec. at 7 a.m.
Straits and Calcutta	CHIPSING	Sat., 3rd Jan. at 7 a.m.
Sandakan	HOSANG	Mon., 3rd Jan. at 3 p.m.
Kobe via Moji	FOOKSANG	Wed., 12th Jan. at 7 a.m.

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Melville Neill, in his 50-ft. motor
cruiser "Juliette" in which he
has travelled 2,000 miles from
Southampton to Portofino and
back. Portofino is some fifteen
miles south-east of Genoa, and
Mr. Neill's route from the Hamble
River to the Mediterranean was
across the Channel to Havre, and
thence via the French canals to
Marseilles. "Juliette" is an ex-
naval pinnace which has been
converted into a most comfortable
motor cruiser. She is fitted with
one of the latest designs of
marine motors. It is a 28-30
h.p. 6-cylinder unit, made by the
Ailsa Craig Motor Co. Ltd., of
Chiswick, London, and has over-
head valves and overhead cam-
shaft. The drive to the propeller
is not in this case direct, but
through the well-known reduction
gear which the Ailsa Craig Co.
have done so much to develop for
use in craft where, owing to
space restriction, a specially com-
pact yet powerful engine and a
large slow speed propeller are
essential. Both passages across
the Channel were made in fine
style. On the outward run the
average was seven knots; on the
homeward run the engine was
opened out to give eight knots,
and they made the "Nab Light-
ship from Havre in ten and a
half hours. Previous to this it
is interesting to note that the
engine had been running from
ten to fourteen hours a day for
about three weeks. The whole
journey was accomplished with-
out any hitch whatever, either on
deck or in the engine room, and
Mr. Neill says that he gives full
marks to the Ailsa Craig engine
for its faultless running, whether
on full throttle or ticking over
at dead slow speed. Those who
have the opportunity of making
such a trip will find the whole
route is full of interest, and, pro-
viding one's boat is fitted with an
engine of proved reliability like
the Ailsa Craig, there can be no
more enjoyable method of spend-
ing a holiday.

CURIOUS INCIDENT.

CREWS SUFFER FROM
NERVES.

Tokyo, Dec. 5.—Owing to severe
vibration and poisonous gas from
motor engines, the crew of the
N.Y.K. steamer "Asuka Maru" and
"Atago Maru" which recently
arrived at Yokohama from Britain
are all suffering from a nervous
disease.
The N.Y.K. authorities are
investigating the cause, in view of
the fact that they are building three
other ships with the same type of
engines—Toho.

CONSIGNEES.

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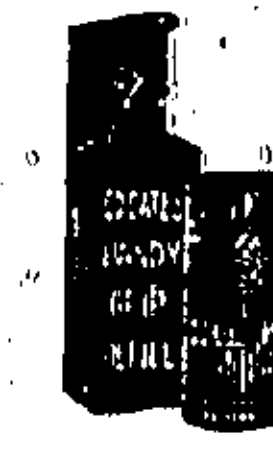
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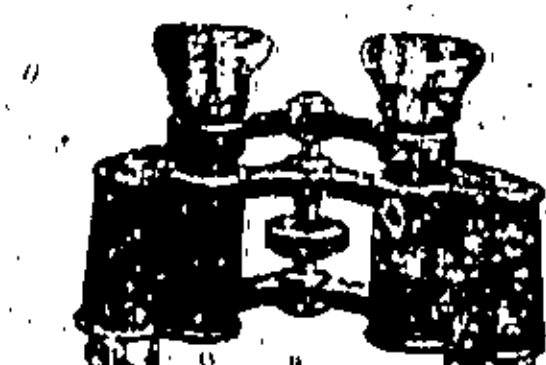
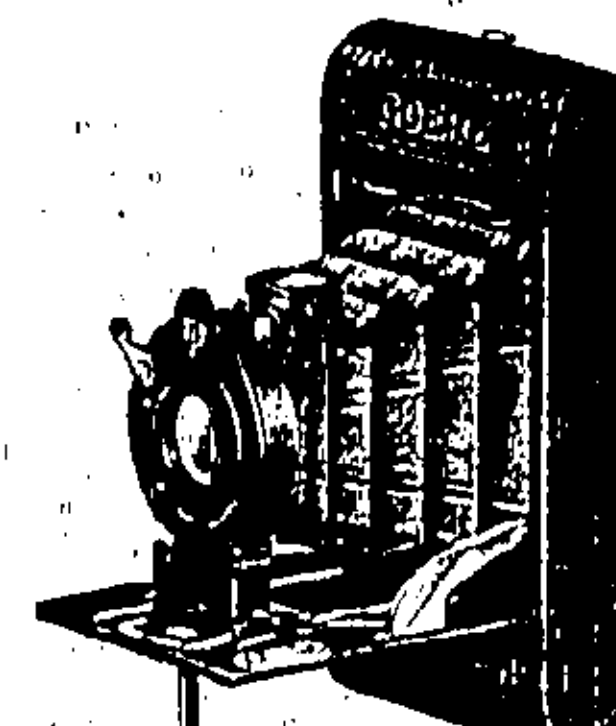
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DEATH.

VAN CORTLANDT.—On December 16th, at Singapore on board the R.M.S. "Macedonia," Captain Newton Wynne Van Cortlandt of the Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd., suddenly—in his 37th year.

Hong Kong, Friday, Dec. 17, 1926.

WELCOME NEWS.

It is officially announced that the Canton military and naval authorities have decided to attack the Bias Bay zone with a view to exterminating the pirates. In this undertaking they will receive the good wishes of every body on the China Coast. Now that such action has been decided upon, nothing is to be gained by criticising its belated nature. All that matters now is that the Canton authorities have announced that an effort is to be made, to eliminate the pirates from Bias Bay.

"For Chinese territory the Canton authorities reserve the right to suppress banditry," says an official communication from the Canton Information Bureau. It is added that this reservation is made on account of the reported intention of the Hong Kong Government to send Navy craft and aeroplanes to destroy the bandit stronghold at Bias Bay. No fault can be found with a reservation of this nature. The Canton authorities have the right as stated; they have more than that: they have a duty to exercise that right. Let them go ahead with it! If they are successful they will have earned the thanks of all affected directly or indirectly by the nefarious operations of the pirates. If they fail—well, that is a matter that can be discussed in good time.

There is naturally something that the Hong Kong Government can do. It can co-operate to the extent of arresting pirates crossing the boundary and handing them over to the Cantonese authorities. It can also pass on to the Canton Government any information likely to assist in the suppression of piracy in the Bias Bay zone. Co-operation of this kind has always been at the disposal of the Canton Government. Now that it is actually invited it will be forthcoming to the fullest extent possible.

AMOK WITH RAZOR.

CHINESE INJURES FIVE PERSONS. EUROPEANS WOUNDED.

Battery Street, Yau-mut, was the scene of a sensational affair shortly after 8 o'clock yesterday evening. A Chinese armed with a razor suddenly running amok. Before his final capture, the man succeeded in inflicting injuries upon five persons, three of whom were European police officers.

From reports to hand, it appears that the man, a coolie, at first struck at a fellow coolie, afterwards rushing at others standing nearby. These scattered but the madman was not quiescent, for upon the arrival of Inspector Fallon and Sub-Inspector Nicholl who were followed by Sergeant Lemprall, he continued his work, inflicting injuries to each of the three officers. A Chinese standing nearby, was knocked down and injured.

The man was ultimately got under "control" and disarmed. The injured police officers and Chinese being taken to hospital for treatment.

AT THE "STAR."

ROBERT KEBLE'S STORY "RECOMPENSE."

A FINE PICTURE.

Robert Keble's "Recompense" is no less striking a story of human love and human weaknesses than "Simon Called Peter" to which it forms the sequel. Warner Brothers have admirably adapted Robert Keble's story in a picture which has been secured for the "Star Theatre" and is being screened to-day and to-morrow.

At the opening last night this graphic picture of the War and its dramatic influence on the lives of men and women who gave their services met with cordial reception by a large audience. Marie Prevost and Monte Blue, the two principals, combine to a wonderfully real interpretation of the author's work.

Monte plays the part of a young clergyman who is faced with the realities of life and its story the contending factors of temptations and throughout the his spiritual ideals and physical passions afford him opportunities which are taken full advantage of for acting of great dramatic intensity.

BIAS BAY RAID.

ACTION NOW BEING TAKEN BY CANTON.

HONG KONG CO-OPERATION.

Canton, Dec. 16.

The Canton Information Bureau announces that in accordance with the plan drafted by the Kwangtung Provincial Government for the suppression of banditry the Canton Authorities have decided to send troops to attack the zone around Bias Bay, where the sea pirates have their stronghold.

The General commanding the Eighteenth Division has been ordered to send troops to the attack and the Canton Navy forces have been ordered to send a gunboat to co-operate.

For the zone close to Hong Kong, the New Territories and adjacent waters, the Canton Authorities, after notifying the Hong Kong Government of the commencement of the campaign, have made it clear to Hong Kong that co-operation is desired to the extent of arresting bandits crossing the Boundary and handing them to the Chinese Authorities, on land as well as on sea.

For Chinese territory, the Canton Authorities reserve the right to suppress banditry. This reservation is made explicit on account of the reported intention of the Hong Kong Government to send Navy craft and aeroplanes to destroy the bandit stronghold at Bias Bay.

The Canton Authorities announce their willingness to receive from the Hong Kong Government any information of a nature facilitating the suppression of banditry and express their appreciation of any co-operation extended by the Hong Kong Government, acting in conformity with the policy outlined by Canton.

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MORE PRODUCE?

DEVELOPMENT OF NEW TERRITORY.

MR. H. R. WELLS' VIEWS.

It is not alone for his acquaintance with the New Territories and its inhabitants in the years that he has worked amongst them that the Rev. H. R. Wells has been asked to co-operate in arrangements for the holding of an agricultural show. A "China Mail" representative who conversed with Mr. Wells yesterday was amazed at his retentive mind in connection with figures bearing on matters agricultural, the productivity of certain grains, the conditions to which they are best suited etc., also in regard to poultry breeding, the laying capacity of certain strains.

Mr. Wells does not profess to be an expert. "I have merely a good head for remembering what I have read," he remarked modestly to our representative. "But in the course of conversation it was apparent that he had studied the subject very carefully and conversed frequently with farmers in the New Territories and elsewhere as to methods employed.

Competitive Spirit.

Mr. Wells admits that it is difficult in the majority of cases to get the Chinese farmer to direct his mind along scientific lines in planning for the future although he has known cases where people who have been abroad have settled in the New Territory and applied the knowledge they had gained to local cultivation. Mr. Wells considers that the apathy of more conservative farmers may be overcome by practical examples of what can be done locally and by the competitive spirit which an agricultural show would engender.

To be successful, however, the matter would have to be taken further than that in Mr. Wells' opinion. Even in the comparatively small area comprised within the Territories, there are diversities of conditions which, if the best results are to be obtained, would probably necessitate the use of seeds adapted to the soil and climate. For instance, he pointed out, the soil in the Un Long district is markedly drier than that of others comparatively near to it.

Again, in regard to the breeding of stock, Mr. Wells believes that much could be done in the education of farmers as to measures for preventing plague and disease amongst pigs, poultry etc. which are responsible for considerable mortality every year.

A Papaw Factory?

The possibility of more intensive cultivation of papaw and the utilisation of its juices for the production of pepsin locally has also exercised the mind of Mr. Wells who sees in it the possibility of a flourishing industry.

Such suggestions are, of course, merely tentative. The Committee which is to be formed locally has not yet met although certainly preliminary work has been in hand for some time. Mr. Wells, in the course of his evangelic work amongst the Chinese in the New Territories (extending over a long period of years) has had unique opportunities for observing the conditions under which they live and work and his advice will be of considerable value to the Committee. Mr. Wells, it is understood, is working in conjunction with the District Officer, North.

"A prosperous New Territory area means a prosperous Hong Kong," as Mr. Wells remarked to our representative. The benefits of the Colony being self-supporting in regard to food supplies need hardly to be stressed and an added consideration is that the greater the productivity of their farms, the greater buying capacity of the farmers.

SUNDAY FUNCTION.

BUS SERVICES TO & FROM NEW "HOME."

In connection with the Blessing of the New Home of the Little Sisters of the Poor at Ngau-shi-wan, Kowloon City (for the Aged Poor of the Colony) by Bishop Valorta, on Sunday at 3 p.m., for the facilities of the benefactors who wish to honour the Little Sisters by their presence on the occasion, Mr. Ngan Shing-kwan, manager of the China Motor Bus Co. (yellow cars) has kindly agreed to run a bus service from the "Star" Ferry to the bridge at Ngau-shi-wan from 2 to 2.30 p.m. and from the bridge to the "Star" Ferry from 5 to 5.30 p.m. The fare is 30 cents each way.

The bus will also stop at the junction of Austin Avenue and Chatham Road for Kowloon residents.—Contributed.

GOOD IN TRUSTS.

MR. P. SNOWDEN'S NOTABLE STATEMENT.

INTERNATIONAL CHARACTER.

Rugby, Dec. 15.

Amalgamations have been a marked feature of big British business in recent years. The latest instance is the chemical combine with an issued capital of £27,000,000.

It is interesting to note that Mr. Philip Snowden, who was Chancellor of the Exchequer in late Labour Government, approves of this policy.

Addressing to-day the members of the Institute of Chartered Accountants, he said: "These amalgamations will tend to become not merely national but international in character, and I look forward to the development of international trusts as a great instrument in the preservation of world peace."

"I have had occasion in the United States, that classic land of trusts, to go into the question thoroughly, and I came to the conclusion, without hesitation, that the general effects of trusts in the United States has not been to increase prices."—British Wireless Service.

SCHOOL DISPLAY.

QUARRY BAY KIDDIES' PRESENTATION.

Parents and friends visited Quarry Bay British School in large numbers this morning for the display given prior to the end of the current term.

Great credit reflects on Miss G. M. Cotton and her able staff for the excellent showing.

Children who gained certificates were:—B. Muirhead, J. Thirwell, C. Thirwell, F. Hindle, B. Hindle, C. Weir, E. Warnock, L. Simpson, J. Smith, C. Amery, A. Spiers and R. Dunlevy.

Specimens of the written work and handwork were exhibited in the class rooms and the following programme was given to represent some of the term's work:—

Carols: Hark the Christmas Bells, Good King Wenceslas, (solos by F. and B. Hindle), We Three Kings of Orient—by the whole school, i.e., classes VI, VII and VIII.

Swedish Gymnastics (12 children).

Folk song: O Soldier, Soldier, Won't You Mary Me?—by 12 children.

Three songs by the Kindergarten: Happiness, Growing Up, Happy Hop—from "When We Were Very Young"—by A. A. Milne.

Welsh costume dance—girls.

Two rounds—boys.

Irish colleen dance—girls.

Two French songs: Savez-vous planter les choux? and Mon Bateau.

Presentation of Royal Drawing Society's certificates by Mrs. D. Templeton of Taikeo.

Christmas Songs: Good Christian Now Rejoice, on Christmas Day—by the whole school.

GUILT OBVIOUS.

TWO MEN AND FORGED NOTE.

Charged with possessing and uttering a forged \$10 bank note, two Chinese pleaded "not guilty" when brought before Mr. R. E. Lindell at the Central Magistracy this morning.

Div. Insp. Alexander Clark prosecuted on behalf of the Police.

Complainant, in the witness box, said that he was the son of the proprietor of a shoe-maker's establishment. On Wednesday evening the 1st defendant called at his shop and ordered a pair of shoes the price of which, after some bargaining, was fixed at \$1.30.

Defendant handed witness a \$10 Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank note, but witness did not like the look of it and informed the defendant that he had no change, but would send out to a money-changer's shop. Defendant thereupon seized the note and ran out of the shop. Defendant was subsequently arrested in company with the second defendant in whose possession the forged note was then found.

The 1st defendant said that the note had been given to him as part payment of a debt of \$12, whilst the 2nd defendant said that the 1st defendant, owing him \$2.30, had given him the note to get changed.

"Your guilt is quite obvious," said Mr. Lindell to the first defendant. "Directly you saw that the note was suspected, you rushed out of the shop. You will go to jail for three months with 'hard labour.'" His Worship sent the 2nd defendant to jail for two months, and ordered that the note should be destroyed.

INDIA'S POLITICS.

Interesting Developments Expected.

FINAL ELECTION RETURNS.

Tide Favours Sensible Elements.

Bombay, Dec. 16. The final election returns show that the nominees of the Indian National Congress have maintained the Swarajists' strength in the All-India National Assembly and the Bengal Council.

They have increased their numbers materially in the Madras, Bihar, Assam Councils, but suffered reverses in Bombay, the Central Province, the Punjab and the United Provinces.

Nevertheless, except in a couple of cases, they form the largest single political group, though they do not hold an absolute majority in any council.

Thus Congress men, some of whom are not necessarily Swarajists bound to a policy of obstruction are unable to create deadlocks in any legislature.

The tide momentarily favours those who incline to a policy of forming a ministry to work for reforms.

Interesting developments are expected in the coming session of the National Congress at Gauhati under the presidency of Srinivasa Iyengar, when the Responsivists will try to change the Congress programme in favour of acceptance of responsibility.—Reuter.

LIBERAL SPLIT.

OPINION REGARDING NEW STEP.

Rugby, Dec. 16. The administrative committee of the funds of the Liberal Party have accepted Mr. Lloyd George's offer to place at the service of the party, without conditions regarding his use, the income of the large fund which he personally controls, and which was accumulated during the days of the coalition with the Conservatives.

Hitherto the conditions attached to the offer have been rejected by the Asquith wing of the Liberal Party.

Although these conditions are removed, the offer was only accepted by nineteen votes to fourteen. The minority resent the recommendation that the organization committee, including Mr. Vivian Phillips and other Asquithians, should resign, and a new committee be appointed.

The Liberal newspapers are divided regarding the effect of this latest step. The "Daily News" and "Daily Chronicle" claim it marks a fresh start for the Liberal Party, but the "Westminster Gazette" declares that the offer is still conditional, and leaves the situation unchanged.—British Wireless Service.

AN INVISIBLE RAY.

SEEING WITHOUT BEING SEEN.

Rugby, Dec. 16. The "Daily Mail" says Mr. John Baird, the inventor of television, has now discovered a ray which, while capable of illuminating distant objects, is invisible to the human eye.

Those upon whom it is directed are thus unaware that their movements, under cover of darkness, are being watched.

The ray may prove of great service to merchant shipping, for it is claimed it penetrates fog more readily than any yet invented.—British Wireless Service.

BARRIER REMOVED.

WIVES ABLE TO JOIN HUSBANDS.

Washington, Dec. 16. The Senate has approved an Amendment to the Immigration Act granting entry into the United States of the wives and children of immigrants who entered the country before July 1, 1924, who are now seeking naturalization.

It is estimated that 35,000 women and children are at present barred from joining their husbands and fathers. The amendment must be approved by the House of Representatives.—Reuter's American Service.

NICARAGUA REVOLUTION.

New York, Dec. 16. A message from San Salvador of Managua, the headquarters of Nicaragua are advancing along the entire front and that the rebel column is moving in the direction of Managua, the headquarters of the Diaz Government.—Reuter's American Service.

OIL TRIAL.

CONSPIRACY CHARGE DISMISSED.

\$100,000 LOAN OR BRIBE?

New York, Dec. 16. Albert B. Fall, former Secretary of the Interior and the oil magnate E. L. Doherty have been acquitted of the oil conspiracy charge.

Fall and Doherty are still indicted for bribery in connection with the transaction involving \$100,000 which Doherty admitted sending to Fall, though describing it as a loan to an old friend.

Fall is also charged with conspiracy to defraud the Government along with Harry Sinclair of Teapot Dome fame.—Reuter's American Service.

A TREATY STIR.

PANAMA AND UNITED STATES.

POSSIBLE REJECTION.

New York, Dec. 16. A stir has been caused in Panama by the publication in the Hincapi Press of the text of a treaty recently negotiated by the United States and Panama whereby the latter engages to enter into war whenever the United States fight.

The treaty gives the United States the right to control Panama communications, necessary protection for military transit, control of wireless stations in war time and cedes Manzanillo Island to the United States.

It forbids the opening of further private enterprises by Americans in the canal zone.

Panama and Colon are to be free ports of entry, the United States having the right to use them in emergency. It is believed, however, that the Panama Assembly will refuse ratification of the Treaty.—Reuter's American Service.

RHINELAND.

BRITAIN'S POLICY TOWARDS EVACUATION.

Rugby, Dec. 16. Replying to a question in the Commons upon the Government's policy regarding the withdrawal of the Allied forces from the Rhineland, Sir Austen Chamberlain said that so far as an earlier withdrawal than that provided for in Article 429 of the Treaty was concerned, the Government's policy continued to be governed by the condition laid down in Article 431. Apart from this, the question was one on which the Government were acting in consultation with the other governments having forces in the Rhineland.

He added, in reply to a supplementary question, "If troops are to be withdrawn before the time fixed by the Treaty, it can only be as a result of arrangement between the occupying Powers and the German authorities, to which arrangement the German Government would be willing to contribute their share. The matter has been discussed between the representatives of different Powers, but time is required for steps of this kind, as well as the active co-operation of the German Government with other governments, to find a solution."—British Wireless Service.

DIVORCE REPORTS.

NEW LAW NOW IN FORCE.

Rugby, Dec. 16. Among the measures which have received the Royal assent is the Bill which regulates Press reports of divorce and other matrimonial cases.

The New Act came into force immediately so that henceforth in the above mentioned cases publication will only be permitted of the names and addresses of the parties and witnesses, a statement of the grounds of petition and the defence, the judge's summing up, the jury's finding and the judgment.—British Wireless Service.

Owing to the enormous crops and the work connected with export, about one thousand extra servants must be engaged for the winter season by the C.E.R., all of which must have recommendations from the Unions. In consequence of this, says a Harbin correspondent, many people who never thought of being members of the Unions, which are practically Soviet once, have now to join, otherwise they have no chance of earning their livelihood.

QUEEN'S THEATRE.

DICK NORTON'S GLOBE TROTTERS.

A STIRRING FILM.

Dick Norton and his Globe Trotters continue to delight large audiences at the Queen's Theatre, where their new programme is proving a great success, thanks to the quality of the singing, the skill of the playing and the charm of the coloured lighting effects.

The new feature film is "The Humming Bird," a wonderful story of Apache life in Paris, valour in the war, atonement in prison, and final happiness. Gloria Swanson wins fresh laurels as the sinister thief who later becomes a national heroine.

SIR H. SAMUEL.

RETURNING TO POLITICAL LIFE.

Rugby, Dec. 16. Sir Herbert Samuel has decided to return to political life, according to the newspapers.

After holding under the Liberal administration various government offices, including those of Postmaster-General and Home Secretary, he became in 1920 the first High Commissioner of the Mandated Territory of Palestine.

Since he retired from this office last year he has been much in the public eye as Chairman of the Coal Commission.

It is understood he will take the earliest opportunity of contesting a parliamentary seat in the Liberal interest.—British Wireless Service.

NARCOTIC DRUGS.

INFORMAL CONFERENCE IN SHANGHAI.

An informal conference on the control of narcotic drugs in China opened in Shanghai on Dec. 9, under the auspices of the National Medical Association, the China Medical Association, Chinese Red Cross Society, Council on Health Education and the Shanghai Doctors' Union, together with the Anti-Narcotic Committee of the National Christian Council and the National Anti-Opium Association.

The tentative programme includes a discussion on the narcotic situation in China and estimate of its medical needs, by Dr. Wu Lien-teh, and other discussions of similar nature by Dr. T. K. M. Siao, Dr. Iva Miller, Dr. Kiang Shan-fen, Dr. J. P. Maxwell and Dr. Hu Hung-chi.

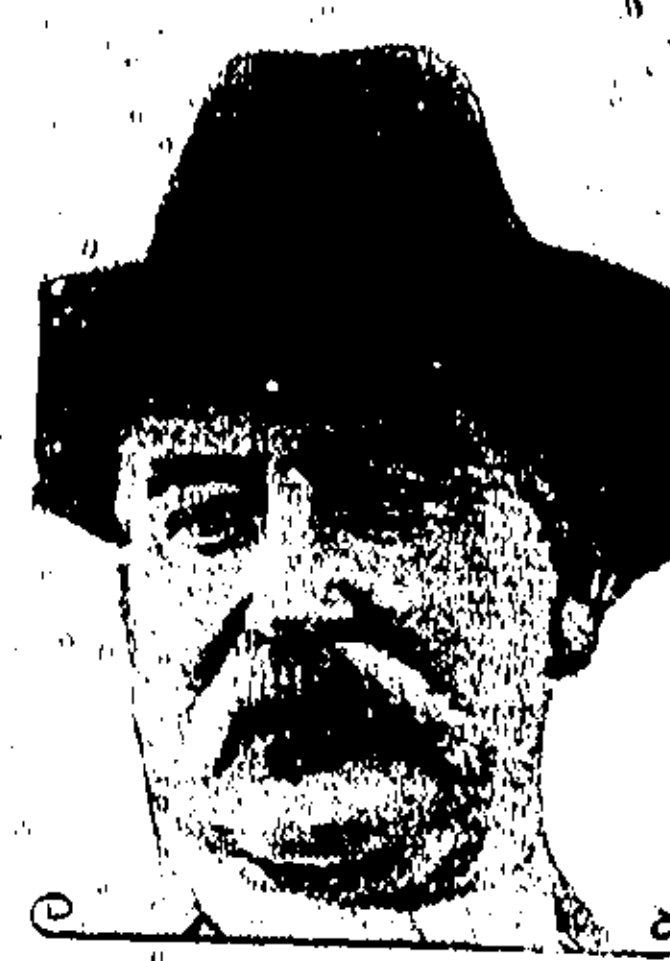
JAPAN'S BEAUTIES.

LECTURE BY EARTHQUAKE VICTIM.

Mrs. Henriette Hendrix-Holst, who is well known in Japan, having lived for many years in Yokohama until the earthquake of September 1923, gave a lecture entitled "Japan, The Fairland" on November 27, before the Japan Society in New York City.

Mrs. Holst spoke of the beauties of nature in Japan, the house and temples, the arts and crafts, silk industry, etc., and illustrated her subjects with lantern slides made in Japan. Following the earthquake and fire in which Mr. and Mrs. Holst lost all their possessions, including a fine collection of objects of art, they went to New York City, where Mr. Holst is now the head of the Art Department of Macy's.

FIGURES IN OIL TRIAL.



Albert B. Fall.



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AMERICA'S ATTITUDE.

CAUTIOUS POLICY IN REGARD TO CANTON.

PEKING THE NUCLEUS.

Peking, Dec. 9.—The Walchiaopu has received a report from Dr. Alfred Sze, Chinese Minister in Washington, to the following effect:—

"The U. S. Government is taking a very cautious attitude towards the recognition of the Southern Government. They are not inclined to recognition, considering that it is not at all important to the foreign Powers that some hostile factions do not obey the orders of the Chinese Central Government. Thus the Government is rather disposed to regard the Peking Government as the nucleus of China."—Toho.

Shadows Before.

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL."

Entertainments.

December 17—Queen's Theatre:

"The Humming Bird."

December 17—World Theatre:

"The Great Divide."

December 17—Star Theatre:

"Recompense."

December 17—Grand opening

night of Isako's Circus at Kowloon,

Chatham Road, 9 p.m.

December 17—Military Hospital's

first dance of the season, 8.30 p.m.

to 1 a.m.

December 17, 18—The Hong

Kong Philharmonic Society presents

"The Pirates of Penzance"

at the Theatre Royal, 9.15 p.m.

December 22-23—Fairy Play and

Shadow Pictures, Xmas Matinees,

Theatre Royal, 6.15 p.m.

December 23—Annual ball of the

Hong Kong Police Force, at the

City Hall, 9 p.m.

December 24—Chief and Petty

officers of the Royal Navy, China

Squadron, hold annual dinner and

ball, City Hall, 8.15 p.m. to 2 a.m.

December 18—At Nov. 18 and 19

Connaught Road Central, ground

floors, Shipchandler's goods, etc.,

10 a.m.

Sports.

December 18—Steeplechase meet-

ing at Kwai Race Course, Fan-

ling.

December 21—Third Tournament

of the Hong Kong Boxing Assn.,

Theatre Royal, 9.15 p.m.

Auctions.

December 22—At No. 2 Bungal-

low, North Pt., west of Govt.

Quarry, valuable household fur-

niture, 2.45 p.m.

December 20—Beer Wine and

Spirits, will be sold at Messrs.

Lamert Bros.' sales room, 3.30 p.m.

December 20—Miscellaneous

goods at No. 18 Godown, Kowloon

Wharf & Godown Co., 10 a.m.

December 21—Valuable furni-

ture at "Taiwo," Barker Rd. 453,

the Peak, 10.30 a.m.

Meetings.

December 15—Extraordinary

meeting of Hong Kong Tramways

Co., Ltd., at the Hong Kong Hotel,

11 a.m.

December 22—Tenth meeting of

the Industrial and Commercial

Bank, Ltd., York Bldg. 2 p.m.

December 23—Eighth meeting of

the China Light & Power Co. (1918)

Ltd., St. George's Bldg., 11.30 a.m.

December 28—Meeting at City

Hall, to welcome His Lordship the

Bishop of London.

January 3—China Provident Loan

& Mortgage Co., Ltd., meeting at St.

George's Bldg., Chater Road, 2.30

p.m.

Miscellaneous.

December 19—St. John Ambul-

ance Brigade parade, Murray

Parade Ground, 9.30 a.m.

December 21—Prize distribution

at Kowloon Junior British School

(Gan Club Hall) 11 a.m.

December 22—Prize distribution

of the Peak School, Peak Club, 11

a.m.

December 26—Christmas Carol

service and Organ Recital at St.

Andrew's Church, Kowloon, 6 p.m.

December 28—Annual dinner of

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At No. 2 Bungalow, North Point (behind the Taxi Co.'s depot), an auction of household furniture will be held by Messrs. Lammer Bros. at 2.45 p.m. on Wednesday.

With regard to the destruction, by agitators, of property and stocks belonging to the Asiatic Petroleum Company at Peking, Hunan, on October 23, it is now stated that the value of the stocks burnt amounts to about \$54,000.

According to an official announcement the publication of the last volumes of the German Government's archives covering the period from 1912 till 1914 is imminent. The complete series of 54 volumes, begun in 1919, includes all German diplomatic documents from 1871 to the outbreak of the war.

German diplomats and high Foreign Officials recently complained bitterly that their appearance at social functions, dressed in ordinary Prince Albert suits, caused them to be confused with waiters and valets. As a result, the Foreign Office issued a decree restoring the right of German diplomats to wear a special "diplomatic uniform," comprising blue coat and trousers and a two-pointed hat with ostrich feathers.

On Nov. 7, the Soviet Union celebrated the ninth anniversary of the Bolshevik revolution. The "Izvestia" and other newspapers published 35 official "slogans" to be inscribed on the banners, the predominant themes being the world revolution, the British strike, the Chinese civil war, the Communist International, and the Red Army. Among the "slogans" was one proclaiming the victorious alliance of the Chinese revolutionaries with the Soviet Republics and the world's proletariat.

The Shanghai "Daily News" says:—We read in the "Minute Man," the sprightly little organ of the American Company, S.V.C., that efforts are being made to establish a Reserve Section of the Company, under Lieut. J. W. Baldwin. It is felt that there are many good Americans in town who would join a Reserve Section, with its comparatively few parades, but who do not feel justified in joining the American Company proper owing to the time taken up with their greater number of parades.

The Colony had a clean bill of health on Thursday.

Mrs. R. M. Dyer is to present the prizes at Kowloon Junior British School (Gun Club Hill) at 11 a.m. next Tuesday.

The failure of the Russo-Finish guarantee pact negotiations is ascribed to the Soviet's refusal to accept the neutral arbitration court.

The Berlin Press reports that a German has patented a new process for chemically producing steel equal to the best smelting steel but considerably harder and more plastic.

A passenger train crashed into a freight train near Villa Anastacio, Brazil, eight persons being killed and more than 50 injured. The majority of the victims were workmen.

A Prague telegram states that two representatives of the British Government will arrive there shortly to study Czechoslovak methods of cultivation of the beet as well as the sugar industry of the country.

The statement of the French press, according to which M. Briand informed the German Ambassador, Herr Hoesch, that none of the claims made by Herr Stresemann in his recent foreign affairs speech is acceptable to France, is officially denied by Herr Stresemann.

An "S. O. S." for a Blind Piper has been sent to London by the officials of Crowther, a small Berkshire village. The town has suddenly been overrun with rats. The report stated that thousands of rats could be seen coming through the village streets like a regiment of cavalry. Officials stated they were almost helpless against the invasion.

Cuba recently severed diplomatic relations with Uruguay and recalled its Minister from Uruguay. The step was taken because of the failure of the Montevideo Government to give satisfaction for the alleged insult to Cuba's dignity voiced by the Uruguayan delegate before the League of Nations. The delegate is alleged to have declared that Cuba's sovereignty was restricted by virtue of a permanent treaty between Cuba and the United States.

A French aeroplane ambulance conveying an injured man crashed at Ain Dorig, in Morocco. The wounded man and the mechanic were killed and the pilot was injured.

A strange ticket landed Wong Young, of Mott Street, in New York police court. The same ticket got him out. Young was accused of selling lottery tickets, but a court interpreter couldn't tell whether it was a laundry ticket, a love letter or a lottery slip.

A Madras report says that a strange new gem has been found, the value of which experts have not been able to determine. It was discovered as part of a necklace of a maharajah which was auctioned. The jewel shows a rosy tint in daytime, but changes to royal blue at night.

A Tokyo report of November 25 says:—No. 103 passenger train bound for Shimonoseki collided with a freight train, while passing through Yoshinaga Station on the Sanyo line at 9.07 p.m. yesterday. The passenger train derailed and seven persons were injured. The cause of the accident is said to be negligence of a station-clerk.

Residents in an hotel in a small settlement in the Federated Malay States sought their rooms, and not languidly either, when a large tiger walked in one day recently. Billiard players didn't even stop to rack their cues. But the beast was as frightened as the players and sought refuge under a table. A sportsman had to coax it out to shoot it.

As a check to over-enthusiastic oratory by Fascist followers, Mussolini has issued an "order of silence," which forbids all speeches that are not confined to a direct exposition of facts and data. The approaching anniversary of the March on Rome has been prefaced by an outburst of speechifying at various centres throughout Italy.

Plans are being made for considerable enlargement of the C.E.R. railway administration offices at Harbin as so many new hands have been engaged lately that there is not room in some of the departments to seat them all. Two large wings are to be added, one at each side of the huge building, and the work will be commenced next year.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL NEWS.

Mr. Peter Neubourg, of Neubourg Motor Service Co., has returned to Shanghai from Tientsin.

Officers of the steamer "Rio Panuco" denied reports that Prince Henry of Prussia was aboard the vessel on the way to Mexico.

Mrs. C. S. Ransom and Master C. S. Ransom are passengers on the "President Wilson" which arrived here this morning from Manila, en route for San Francisco.

It is officially confirmed that the Republican leader Lerroux was arrested because he wrote a letter which, it is alleged, incited to rebellion and insulted the Madrid authorities.

The Nanking Provincial authorities have sent a delegate to Sunjing to see Mr. Chen Tai-yi, asking him to cancel his leave as soon as possible and resume his office in Nanking.

News has just been received from Shansi to the effect that Mr. Blix, the former Postal Commissioner for Manchuria is returning to his native country, Norway, in the near future.

Dr. Peter Giles, Master of Emmanuel College, Cambridge, England, has been appointed by the Council of the Senate to be a member of the Universities Bureau of the British Empire for five years.

Masuyuki Otani, heir of the late General Baron Otani, has definitely relinquished the title of Baron, to which he was entitled. General Otani led Japan's expedition to Siberia, following the European War. His heir seems to have complied with his father's will.

Professor George B. Roobach, Professor of Foreign Trade, School of Business Administration, Harvard University, addressed the members of Commerce, Shanghai at the American Club on Friday last. Professor Roobach has an international reputation as an expert on foreign trade, in addition to being an interesting and instructive speaker.

Mr. D. N. Assomul, Sister Mary Reginald, Mother Mary Joseph Rogers and the Rev. A. M. Thibaults arrived in Hong Kong to-day on the "President Wilson" from Manila.

On his way back to Shanghai, Dr. C. T. Wang, the leading politician and President of the Chinese Amateur Athletic Federation, arrived in Hong Kong to-day on the "President McKinley" from Manila.

A number of American Naval and Military officers were on the "President Wilson" which arrived here this morning from Manila. These included Colonel S. Alexander and Lt. J. J. Mahoney, U.S.N. for Shanghai; Lt. J. P. Jackson, U.S.N. (and Mrs. Jackson) for Honolulu; Lt. A. C. Dickson, Lt. Comdr. H. W. Graf, U.S.N. and Capt. E. D. Sykes, U.S.N. for San Francisco.



Mr. Philip Snowden, Chancellor of the Exchequer in the Labour Government, who approves trusts because they will tend to become not merely national but international. According to a British wireless message to-day, Mr. Snowden holds that the general effect of trusts in the United States has not been to increase prices.

Hsu Kwan-fu, Shanghai City Magistrate, returned there on December 4 by rail from Nanking.

Pao Kwan-chen, adviser to Marshal Sun Chuan-fang, departed from Shanghai on December 4 for Nanking.

Mr. Leung Shiu-chi, Miss Walker, Mr. and Mrs. Harcourt were passengers on the "Aki Mary" which left for Japan to-day.

Mr. L. G. Scott, superintendent of the Peak Tramways, Ltd., went on leave by the s.s. "Change" to-day, bound for Manila and Australia.

On the "Change" which left to-day for Manila and Australia were Mr. H. F. Gray of the Eastern Extension Telegraph Co. and Mrs. H. F. Gray.

On the occasion of the diamond jubilee (60th anniversary) of the Club Lusitano, a reception is to be held at 5.30 p.m. (at the Club) to-day, followed by an informal dance.

The son of Sir Joseph Cook, High Commissioner for Australia in London, Mr. J. W. Cook passed through Hong Kong this week and sailed for Australia to-day on the "Change."

Among the passengers arriving in Shanghai by the Dollar liner "President Taft" on Dec. 8 were Major Gen. W. C. Neville and Mrs. Neville, and Mr. and Mrs. R. Frazer, Gen. Neville (U.S. Marine Corps) is on a tour of inspection throughout the Orient, whilst Mr. Frazer is on an inspection tour of U.S. Consulates from Washington.

Mr. Alfred Sze, Chinese Minister in Washington, who is in Turkey negotiating a treaty between the two countries, is reported to have received instructions from the Peking Government to hasten to Geneva and co-operate with Mr. Chu Chao-hsin in making preparations to submit the Sino-Belgian treaty dispute to the League in case the Belgian Government insists on referring the matter to the Hague Court.

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Arrangements For Successful Meeting.

[By "Patrol"]
Arrangements for to-morrow's Christmas steeplechase meeting of the Fanling Hunt point to success being assured.

A special train leaves Kowloon at 2.07 p.m. Fares, prices of admission &c. have been announced.

There are, as usual, five flags on the card. It remains to be seen how owners will sort out their ponies for the various events.

Before each race starts, the acceptances will be made known so that the public will know exactly which ponies will run.

I hear that in addition to the two usual bookmakers, there will be one or two more and competition will be welcomed by everybody.

The difficulty at the moment is to anticipate the owners' intentions. It is not known whether Mr. E. A. Brodie will be going out to ride on not. With the exception of Captain R. G. Sturges and Mr. Maudie, R.N., most of the other riders will be on duty, including Mr. L. D. Ralph, Mr. L. Reidy, Mr. W. T. Stanton, Dr. J. C. Macgown and Mr. R. H. Charles.

Some New Ponies.

Several ponies will be racing over the sticks for the first time, the most notable being Sunburst Rose and Rotheray who have proved their speed on the flat.

I am informed that bookmakers will bet on the lawn facing the stand as is done on home courses. Sportsmen who like to have something on the running will, doubtless, be accommodated. Good prices should be offered this time.

The new acceptance rule will do away with the objectionable practice of working in the dark which did not go down to the bookie and was strongly disliked by the punter. Hitherto bookmakers, in anticipation of 7 or 8 runners from 14 names in the book, laid false prices and took a run. When the race broke up to a field of 3 punters, unacquainted with the rules of racing clamoured for a return of their money on non-starters. On the face of things, the bookmakers had the better of the arrangement whereas the dwindling down of a field really meant that they also suffered as the favourite had been put down at a wrong price.

My Selections.

On that doubtful element known as "form" and subject to final revision to-morrow, my selections at the moment are:-

Race I: October to win especially if he is ridden by Mr. Brodie; next best, New York (ridden by Mr. Ralph).

Race II: In spite of Cheriton Vale's staidness of 173 lbs., I shall look to him to win from the faster Sunburst Rose who is "thrown in" with 157 lbs. Reynolds should beat Cheriton Vale at the weights and distance but will be run here or in the next race? Rotheray should not be allowed to "run loose" if started.

Race III: Reynolds seems the best thing here, and James Pigz and Wahkeena are next.

Race IV: Presuming still that Sunburst Rose goes in the 2nd race, Mowgli will start a hot favourite here and should win easily.

Race V: If left for the last race, The Golden Pheasant should take first place here.

PRINCE OF WALES.

PLAYS IN ARMY SQUASH RACQUETS.

London, Nov. 30.

Clad in dark flannels and a thick sweater and looking a typical care-free athlete, the Prince of Wales scored a clever victory in the first round of the Army squash racquets championship, defeating Lord Bingham, of the 2nd Coldstream Guards, 9-3, 9-1, 9-10, 9-1.

He hit much more severely and played fine strokes to the corners and generally out-classed his opponent, though he showed a slight weakness in his back-hand play.

FOUND DEAD.

FAMOUS TENNIS PLAYERS' FATE.

NERVOUS BREAKDOWN.

New York, Dec. 16.
The body of W. A. Larned, seven times lawn tennis singles champion of America has been found by his valet in a bedroom of the Knickerbocker Club.

Death was due to a revolver shot. Larned recently suffered from a nervous breakdown. He was a member of the executive of the United States Lawn Tennis Association, and invented the steel-framed racquet in 1921. — Reuter's American Service.

BILLIARDS.

European Y.M.C.A. beat H.M.S. "Ambrose" in a billiards match on Wednesday at Kowloon by 110 points. Scores:—Y.M.C.A.:—W. Brown 150, E. Clough 150, W. R. Greenhalgh 146, M. Trambizky 150, D.

RACING "TIPS."

To-morrow's Selections By "Patrol."

For to-morrow afternoon's steeplechase meeting at Fanling, "Patrol's" selections will appear to-morrow on this page.

Ogilvie 150, J. C. Long 150—total 746 points.

H.M.S. "Ambrose":—J. Northwood 70, W. G. McCarthy 145, W. Parrish 150, G. Guillian 112, C. Whitting 126, S. Bates 132—total 636 points.

Warder Harris (owe 10) beat Warder Gooding (owe 85) in 250 up in the semi-final of the Warder's Mess Billiards Handicap by only 1 point and will therefore play in the mess championship.

HOME BETTING TAX.

Rugby, Dec. 16.
The Treasury state that the approximate total revenue from betting taxation of the first month of its operation was £227,000.—British Wireless Service.

Club de Recreo v. Police.

South China v. Kowloon-Sookumpoo.

Royal Artillery v. Hong Kong F.C.—Navy.

Div. II Section "A."

Kick-off 2.30 p.m.

Kowloon Reserves v. University—Kowloon.

St. Joseph's College v. South China—St. Joseph's.

Chinese Athletic "A" v. Chinese Athletic "B"—H.K.F.C.

R.A. Reserves v. Borderers Reserves—Sookumpoo.

H.K.F.C. Reserves v. Recreo Reserves—South China.

Div. II Section "B."

H.K. Bank Portuguese v. Chinese Athletic "B"—South China, 4 p.m.

St. Joseph's Reserves v. South China Boy Scouts—St. Joseph's, 4 p.m.

Chinese Athletic "A" v. South China—Sookumpoo, 2.30 p.m.

Moslem v. Kowloon "B"—Kowloon, 4.

Some of the teams:-

Scottish Borderers 1st XI:—C. S. M. Anderson, Pte. Gardner, Pte. Martin, Pte. Everest, Sgt. Barham, Pte. McGill, Pte. Skigra, Pte. Humphreys, Pte. Davey, Sgt. McGlinchey, Lee/Cpl. Craig, Reserves: Pte. Anderson, Pte. Hume.

South China 1st XI:—Lau Hing-cheung, Li Tin-sang, Chan So (captain), Tin Yuk-on, Fung Nam-kit, Ko Sik-wai, Lai Ting-choi, Pak-wa, Fung King-cheung, Leung Wing-tak, Chui Kwong-yeung.

Hong Kong F.C. 1st XI:—Rodger, Wallington, Bishop, McBride, Stewart, Watson, Taylor, Howard (captain), Linaker, Hanson, Alexander. Reserves: Key, Valentini.

Police:—Clark, Wynne, Harle, Brittain, Hudson, Jessop, Cornwall, Simpson, Sherry, Oram, Noonan. Reserves: McEwen, Forbes.

Borderers' Reserves:—Pte. McDougall, Pte. Innes, Pte. Gear, Pte. Drury, Sgt. Skigra, Pte. Martin, Pte. Smith, Pte. Stock, Lee/Cpl. Crawley, Pte. Stephens, A. N. other.

South China 2nd XI:—Lam Tai-shing, Lo Fung-cheung, Lau Sui-cheung, Hui Ping-fel, Chu Koon-sing (captain), Tso Sze-chuen, Lai Kong-he, Wong Lok-kin, So Shui-lun, Yau Ting-wa, Chu Sui-sang.

Reserves:—Ho Chee-wing, Ho, Hong Kong F.C. 2nd XI:—Slipper, Hill (captain), Purvis, Vickers, Lyon, Pumechon, Bell, Thompson, Mitchell, Ralton, White. Reserves: Brawn, Howell, Trambizky.

GOLF CLUB.

OFFICE OF PRESIDENT TO GO.

AN ADDITIONAL "SUB."

The Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax (President) presided over the annual meeting of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club, held in the Board Room of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co. yesterday. He was supported by Mr. N. L. Smith (Captain), Lieut. Col. E. D. Matthews (Secretary), and members of the Committee.

Mr. Smith, in proposing the adoption of the report and accounts, said that the accounts for the year showed a loss of \$6,065.23. It would, he said, be remembered that a year ago the general meeting approved of an expenditure up to \$17,000 upon extensive repairs to all the buildings at Fanling. This work had now been completed and the amount expended thereon during the year under review amounted to \$8,472 leaving about \$2,400 to be paid during the current year. Certain additional repairs (Kerr's house) were also found to be absolutely necessary and these, with architects' fees, amount almost exactly to a further \$3,500. The Committee felt that it was undesirable for such a heavy repair bill to accumulate in future, if this could be avoided, and had, therefore, arranged for a regular examination of all of the club's buildings to be made by architects every six months. The total amount spent upon repairs and renewals exceeded the 1924-1925 figure by \$11,180.

Catering.

For seven months of the year under review the catering at Fanling was in the hands of Messrs. Wiseman & Co. The profits on meals showed a decrease of over \$2,000, as compared with 1924-1925, but against this must be put a considerable saving on wages during the seven months when Messrs. Wiseman & Co. provided most of the staff, that this saving was not greater was due to the fact that this year they had had a full wages bill to pay in June, July, August and September whereas the previous years were saved, this owing to the strike in the corresponding months of 1925. The Fanling Catering was restored to the capable hands of Mrs. Kerr on June 1, and it was unfortunate that the accounts now before them referred only to the lean summer months in this respect. He had no doubt that members appreciated the present provision made for the inner man at Fanling and that the financial results would be satisfactory when a full year's working could be examined. At the same time, added the Chairman, I think that the Club owes a debt of gratitude to Messrs. Wiseman & Co. and their Manager, Mr. Goodall, for tiding over under considerable difficulties, an awkward period in the history of Fanling.

The Balance Sheet.

Referring to the Balance Sheet, the Captain continued: Your Committee has given considerable attention to the question of debentures. It does not seem good business to have \$15,000 on fixed deposit paying 4½ per cent. with debentures outstanding on which 6 per cent. has to be paid. Legal advice was taken and it appears that there is no obligation for the Club to redeem these debentures at any time. In the past it was usual in the case of death or retirement to redeem a member's debentures and issue them to some other member.

This year arrangements have been made in such cases not to reissue the debentures, but to destroy the coupons and it will be seen that the Club's liability in this respect has been decreased by \$3,400. It may be that the continuance of such a policy will meet the case for the future and the liability of the Club may be gradually decreased as we may be able to afford it. If however, as may be anticipated, the Club has before it a time of prostration I would advise that our successors should consider the question of a regular bi-annual drawing as I think is the more usual procedure.

Two purchases were made during the year under review which I think it will be agreed have already justified the considerable expenses involved. Deep Water Bay has been given a Kelvinator which cost \$1,419, a sum included in the item Furniture and Fixtures. This is estimated will pay for itself before very long as the amount of ice, allowing for wastage, on the way, which had to be bought for that Club House was enormous, and the wages of one whole time carrying cooie is saved. Secondly a Fordson Tractor with five Mowers was bought for Fanling at a cost of \$2,700, which appears as an asset on the Balance Sheet.

The old bullocks (which I may say have been sold gradually at a good figure) were much more expensive to maintain, took much longer to mow the Course, were generally difficult to replace and of course, required a very high depreciation figure, being far from immortal. I think you will agree,

Gentlemen, that the Fanling fairways have this Winter been exceptionally good and it is probable that this is largely due to the more frequent cutting that is now possible. If this is so, we may hope for an even greater improvement in this respect as the years go by.

No Professional.

Referring to the question which had been raised a year ago as to the possible engagement of a professional, the Captain said that the Committee thought that the time was not ripe for such an innovation and that the existing system of supervision at Fanling was both economical and efficient. The present Superintendent had signed a fresh agreement which would expire in 1928, before which date the question of his replacement would have to be decided upon.

The abolition of the highly paid private caddie was also referred to by the Captain. A certain amount of trouble had been experienced with the disengaged caddie in question but most of them were now plying for hire at daily rates. The introduction of a system of rewards for caddies who might be well reported on by members had been attempted but the caddies had refused to countenance the registration which such a scheme appeared to involve. It seemed unfair, said the Chairman, that the mere "beast of burden" should be paid as much as the skilled caddie and if the new Committee could evolve some method of overcoming this injustice they would deserve the Club's thanks.

I wish in conclusion, said the Captain, to thank all the members of the General Committee and of the Sub-Committees for giving without stint a great deal of time for the welfare of the Club, particularly if I may mention names. Mr. Lammert, whose work on the Fanling electric plant and on the new tractor was invaluable. Mr. Henderson, who spared no pains to make Happy Valley a success and Mr. Franks, the Conner of Deep Water Bay Committee who have had a busy year.

He then proposed the adoption of the annual report and accounts.

"Sub" Agreed To.

The President of the Club addressed the meeting, referring to the question of transfer of debentures in regard to which he thought a "lighter grip" should be taken.

He hoped there would be no objection to the resolution to continue the \$7 subscription. It had been stated previously the additional subscription was made for a certain period, and then they would revert to the old subscription. That, however, had been considered impossible. Some regular scheme for the redeeming of debentures was necessary. Members were to be asked to continue the additional subscription for another two years, and it was hoped that at the end of that time, the circumstances of the Club would warrant its abrogation. Personally, he could hardly see that possible so early, if any of their schemes were to be carried forward. The Chairman then put Mr. N. L. Smith's motion in regard to the report and accounts to the meeting. Mr. Ireland seconded said that taking into account the lean time they had passed through the result was creditable. The motion was unanimously passed.

On the proposition of the President, seconded by Mr. R. M. Smith, the resolution for continuing the additional subscription was agreed to.

Officers Elected.

The election of officers resulted as follows: Captain, Mr. Edgar Davis; Committee, Messrs. D. G. Bruce, J. W. Franks, L. S. Greenhill, A. K. Henderson, C. D. Lambert, N. L. Moncrieff, T. D. E. Pendered, N. L. Smith and D. Templeton.

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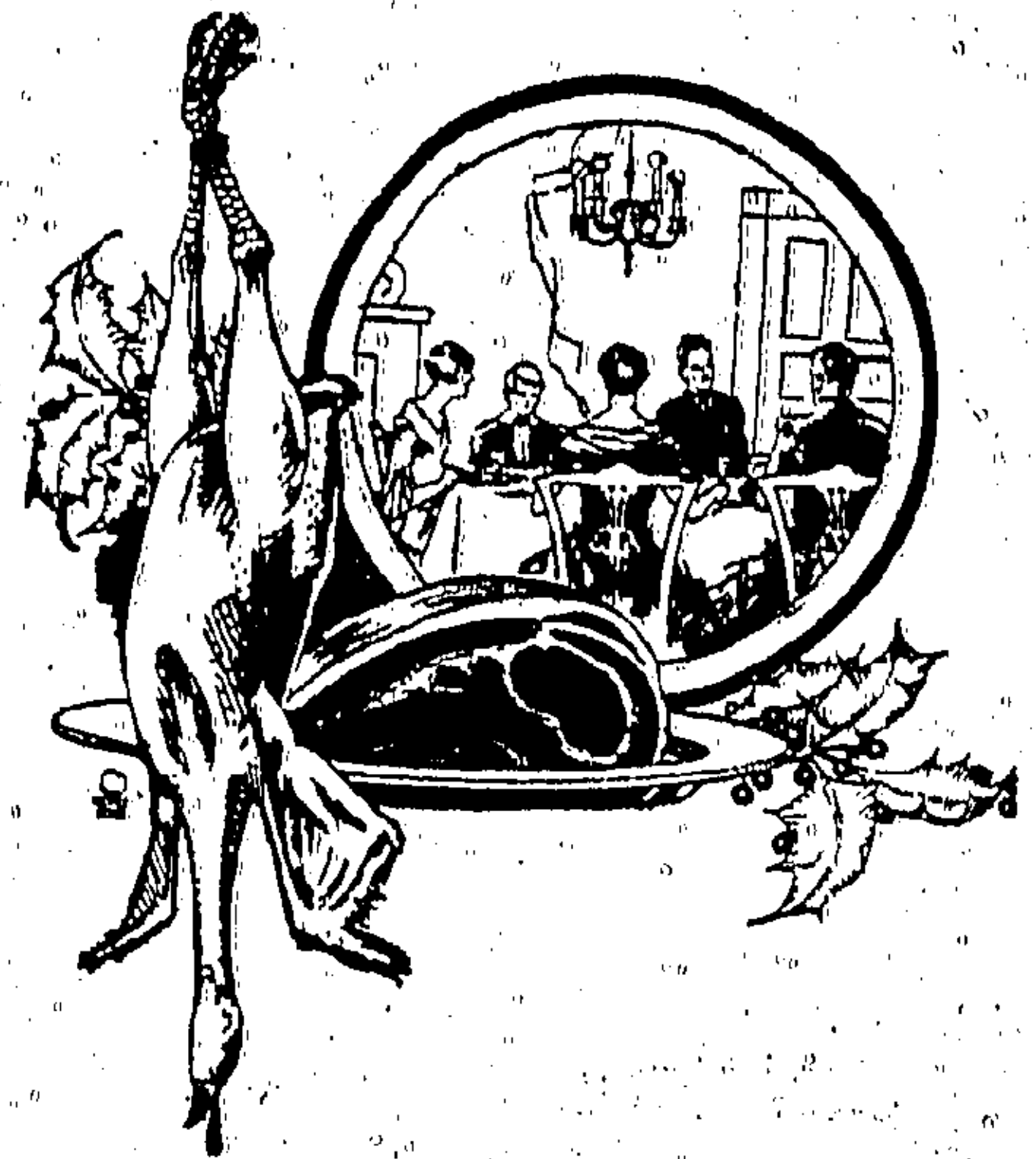
It was decided on the proposition of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Ferguson, that the post of President should be abolished and that the duties of that post should be undertaken by the Captain.

This resolution will be confirmed at a subsequent meeting.

The following will represent the Hong Kong Electric Recreation Club in a cricket match against Craigengower at 2 p.m. on Saturday:—J. R. Way (captain), J. C. Dunbar, P. L. Foster, C. E. Cahagan, G. Murray, W. B. Muskett, F. Normington, A. F. Paul, S. J. Stanesby, G. G. Thomson and G. T. Padgett. Reserve: S. J. Clarke.

The following have been chosen to represent the Hong Kong Electric R.C. in a cricket match against the Indian Section of St. John Ambulance Brigade on the I.R.C. ground on Sunday at 1.30 p.m.:—J. R. Way (captain), S. J. Clarke, J. C. Dunbar, P. L. Foster, C. E. Cahagan, W. B. Muskett, F. Normington, G. T. Padgett, A. F. Paul, S. J. Stanesby and G. Vickers.

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Yet another century has been made in local cricket this season, the successful batsman this time being Lt.-Col. A. S. Cantrell, R.M., who was playing for H.M.S. "Hawkins" yesterday in a friendly match against the Kowloon C.C. (at Kowloon).

In Hong Kong cricket hitherto, Colonel Cantrell has distinguished himself as a bowler. He has performed useful service as captain of the Royal Navy 1st XI and was one of the three selectors for the last Interport Hong Kong team against Shanghai.

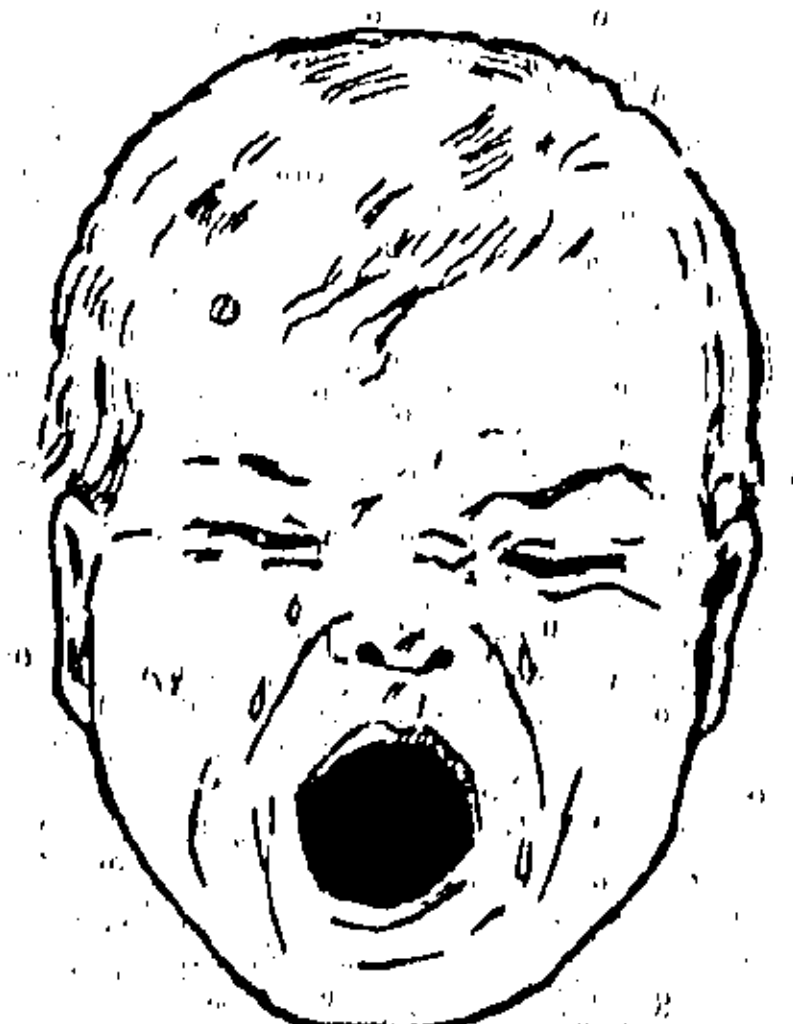
The match ended in a draw, the batsmen on both sides doing well. Colonel Cantrell also took 4 wickets. Scores:—

H.M.S. "Hawkins" 188 runs for 7 wickets, declared. Lt.-Col. Cantrell (first in), 106, Comdr. Ling 22, Ch-Mechn Gardner 17, Lyal 2 wks. for 40 runs, Bevis 1 for 31, N. H. Rose 1 for 23, W. Guest 1 for 36, Capt. Spillet 1 for 32, A. H. Browne 1 for 9.

Kowloon C.C. 184 runs for 6 wickets. J. C. Lyl 38, F. E. Lawrence 72, Capt. F. G. Bevis 29, A. R. E. Raven 16. Cantrell 4 for 66, Gardner 2 for 69.

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On strictly "China topics" there are such items as the trend of the Nationalist campaign, the bank strike at Canton, the labour unions' tyranny. The last includes a report of steps by the Southern Government to curb the power of the workers, revealing a new policy, by the Kuomintang.

Concerning non-Chinese are such subjects as the Foreign Loans to China, the Tientsin arrests, the plight of missionaries among the war horrors of Sianfu.

Each day's proceedings in the "Sunning" piracy trial are included, as are the reports of the "Lienhing disaster."

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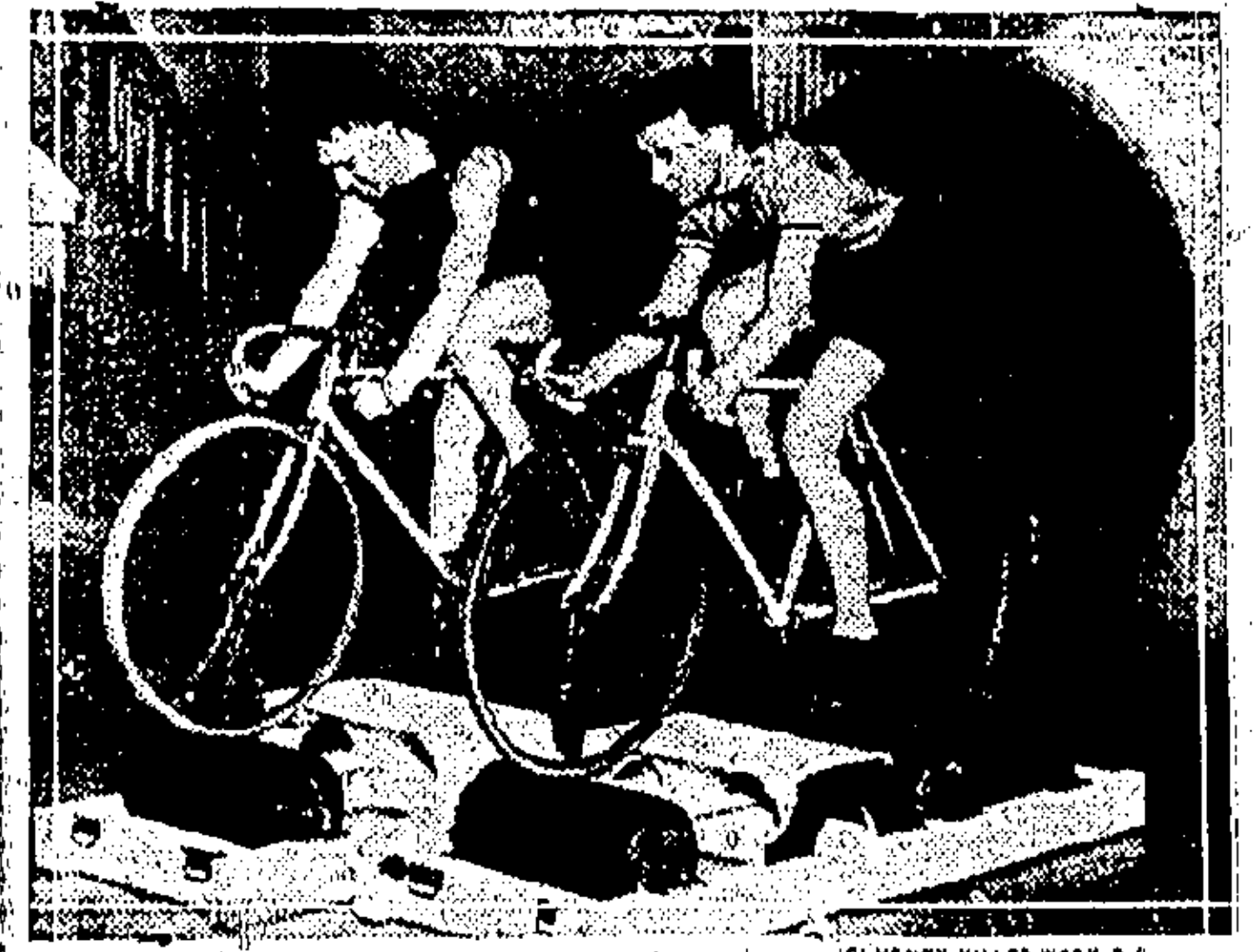
Queen Marie of Roumania has had her hair bobbed since this picture was taken, said reports via Berlin. So she'll probably now be looking very much like the artist made her look in this one. Then King Ferdinand, in retaliation, threatened to have the beaver shown above razed off. Then the King of Roumanians would probably appear to his subjects looking as he does here. But you can never tell what the old lie-concealer's hide. He may turn out to look like this!



Left to right, front row, Lieut. George T. Cudihy, Lieut.-Com. H. C. Wick, Lieut. C. P. Schilt and Lieut. F. H. Coker; back row, Lieut. N. G. Tomlinson, Lieut. C. C. Champion, Lieut. G. R. Henderson and Lieut. J. H. Lemhart, composing the team of Navy fliers in training at Anacostia Naval Air Station for the Schneider Cup Race, the international classic of the air, which was held in November over Hampton Roads. They are shown with one of the racing planes.



Mrs. Anna Evanson, cook for Mr. and Mrs. Henry Stevens, was called as a witness in the investigation of the Hall-Mills murder in New Jersey.



William Unkert, left, New Jersey junior bicycle champion, and William Hosenman, who won the national junior bike title in 1924, as they trained for the unique bicycle races to be held in Newark, in which the cyclists will paddle against reversing rollers. The speed is checked automatically and registered, although the bicyclists do not progress off the rollers.



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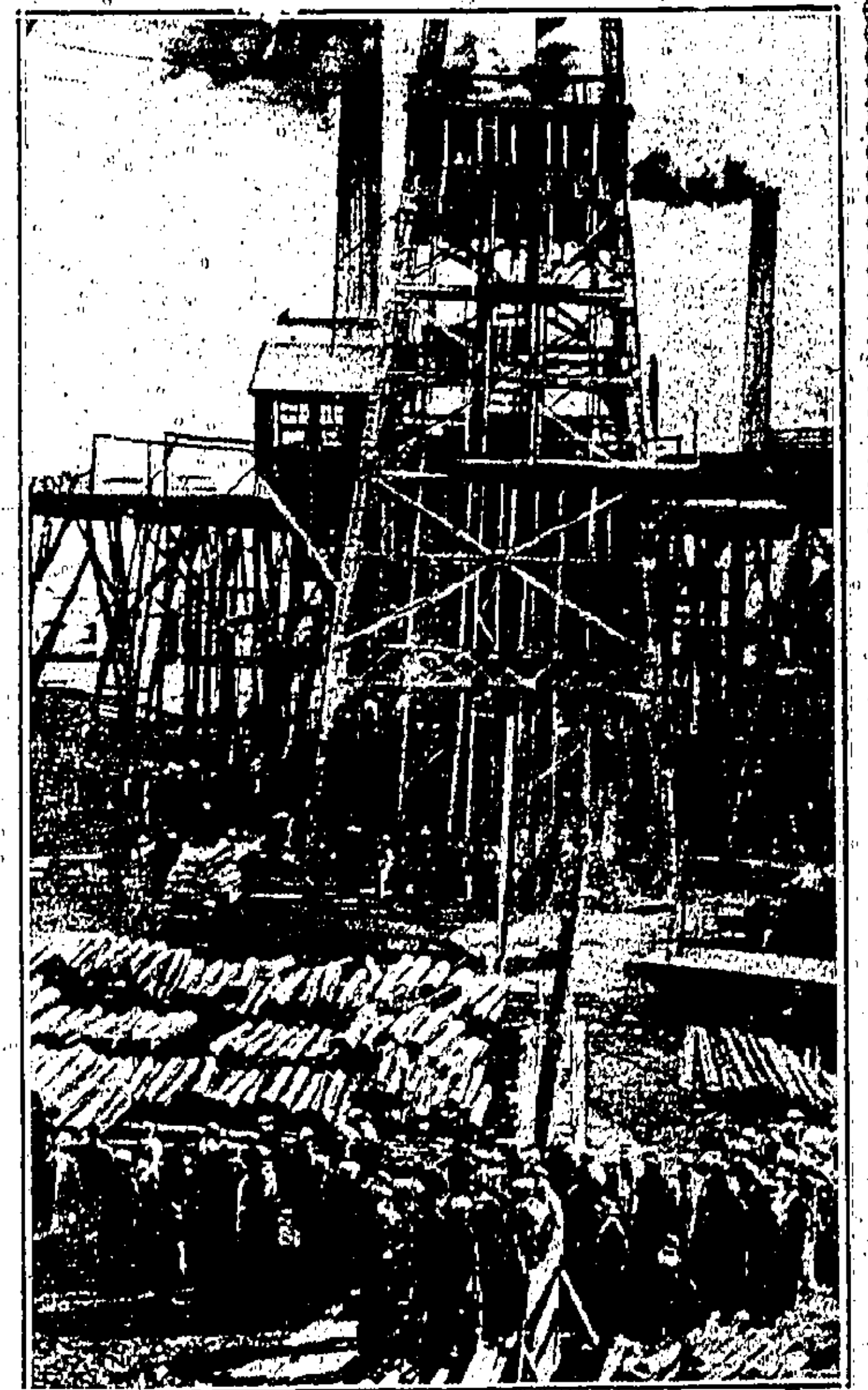


WU PEI-FU

Geraldine Farrar was given an ovation on her visit to Germany, the scene of her early triumphs. Henry L. Doherty, New York oil magnate, urges Federal control to prevent a serious oil shortage soon. Remarks made by Hiram Wesley Evans, spiritual wizard of the Ku Klux Klan, caused the Mayor of Waukegan to defy him to return to the city. A recent photo of Marshal Wu Pei-fu.



Ralph V. Gorsline, who became the new pivotal witness in the investigation of the Hall-Mills murder in New Jersey.

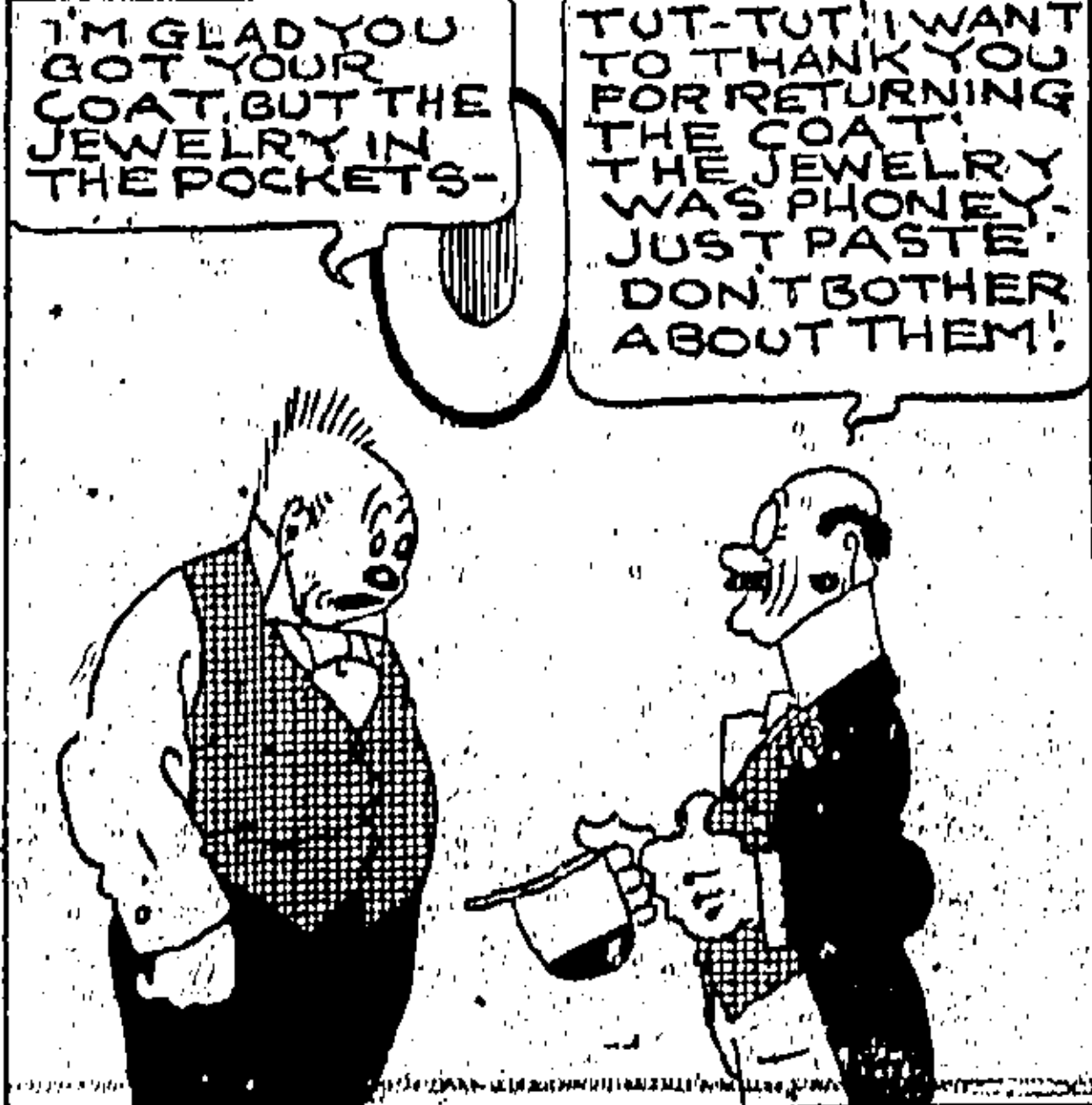
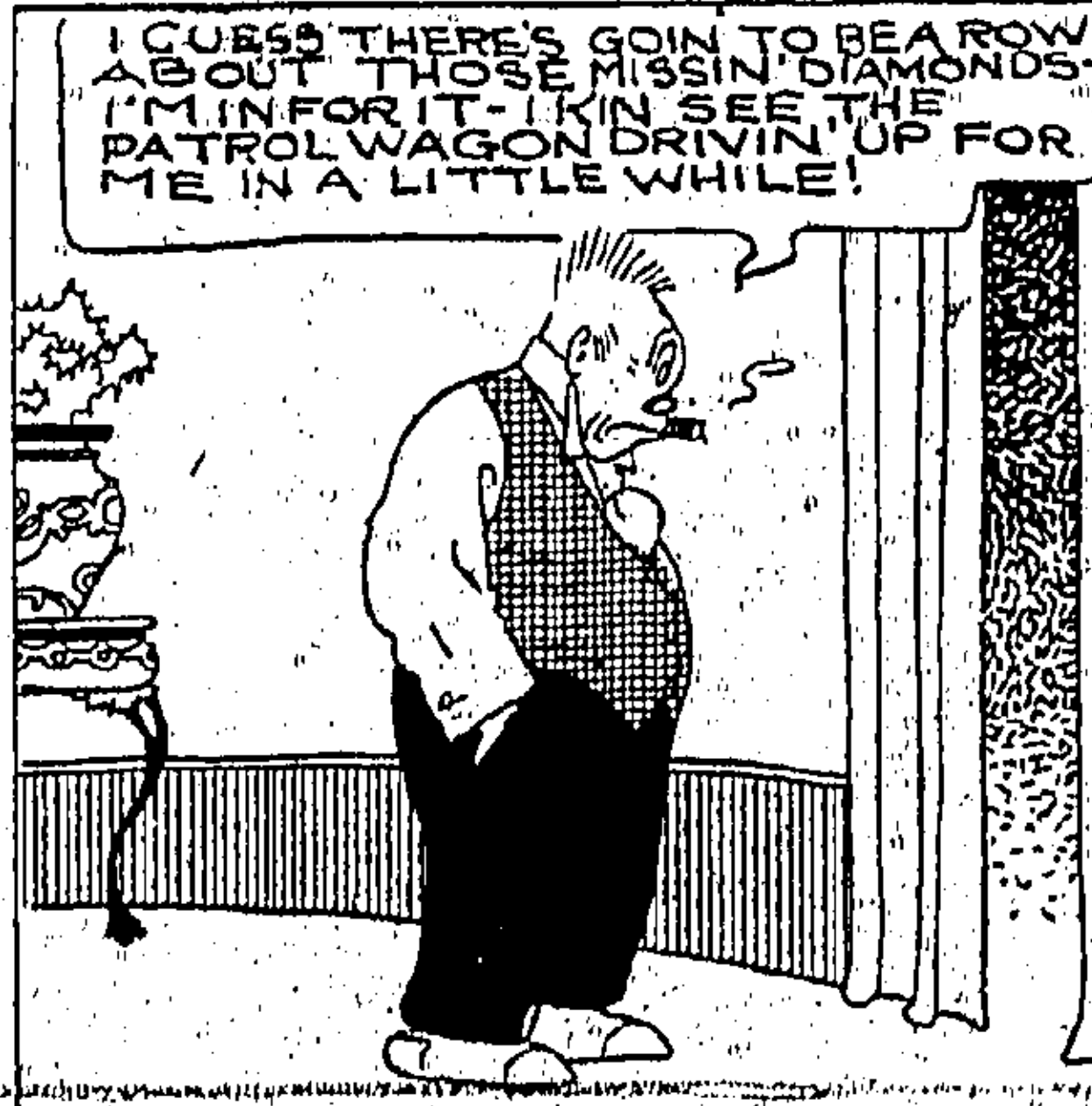


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MILITARY MISRULE.

Peking, it appears, is faced with a coal famine, as well as a shortage in other necessities of a winter life. Prospects, writes the correspondent of the "Observer," are so alarming, indeed, that the diplomats have had to resort to representations. But to no purpose; if you want things done in present-day China the worst possible method is to enlist diplomatic support. The Chinese flout the diplomats nowadays out of sheer cussedness. The coal dealers have been more practical; they have started a camel service with Shanai province—the source of production. This after all efforts to obtain wagons from the military had failed.

The war lords have practically closed the railways under their control to coal conveyance, and only very grudgingly allow any facilities for the transport of foodstuffs. What little coal comes in is subject to extra imposts for military expenses, as well as to such "squeeze" as the soldiers care to place on its release to the merchants. In consequence, prices are mounting; with the help of falling values in silver, they are overwhelming a population already reduced to misery by civil war.

Much of China's production has also to yield its quota to the military at the source. Farmers and traders have to pay dearly for the privilege of feeding and looking after the cities. Obstacles are sometimes insuperable, and then the cities have to starve. Mass has to be served first, and even when he is satisfied, he is always likely to go on the rampage and indulge in wanton destruction of the portion left over. The entire country ministers to him, and he has at least three million minions to secure that allegiance.

Ramshackle Engines.

In one of the eighteen provinces it was recently computed that a sixth of the population, or 30,000, were under arms. The estimate was made by independent observation, for the investigator could get no help from the Governor, who admitted quite frankly that he was ignorant of the strength of his command, and would be glad to get exact figures for himself. When the soldier is king, it is much more advisable to attach yourself, however loosely, to the side of the despoilers.

than to that of the despoiled. That is the philosophy of the countryside in China to-day.

Common sense should apparently dictate some cure of the railways at a time when they are such a valuable adjunct to the machinery of war-making. But the war lords are notoriously deficient in common sense. Their railways are hopelessly mismanaged and in a deplorable state of disrepair. No receipts are allowed to come to the Ministry of Communications, the organ nominally responsible for China's nationalised system, and no foreign supplier will now supply materials until some attempt has been made to clear existing indebtedness. So grievous is the state of things on the Peking-Hankow line that several trains are allowed to run with impaired brakes. The drivers manage to stop the trains at the stations by shutting off steam a mile outside.

Moribund Masses.

The abject suffering of the Chinese people is beyond conception by the West. A Chinese sociologist, commenting recently on China's population problems, says that over-population has reduced the people to a state of semi-lifelessness. Present conditions are plunging them deeper into this moribundity. Where the countrymen are virile enough, they enlist on the side of the despoilers; where they are fatalistic enough, they wait until the soldiery have had their fill of the fruits of agricultural labour, and then apply themselves once more to recuperation.

There are millions of these persevering toilers in China. But there are millions of others who cannot maintain the pace, who are languishing from this want and tribulation, and who struggle to the cities, swelling the enormous number of casuals who cling precariously to urban life in China. These generally take to the ricksha-pulling, the meanest employment in China and a modern form of galley slavery. One out of every nine residents of Peking is engaged in this occupation, and one out of every four is dependent on its earnings. Their diet, in common with that of other casuals and peasants, consists merely of such cereals as Westerners would turn into animal fodder. Meat is seldom eaten, and rice, though considered by the West as the staple of the Chinese dietary, is an equally unpurchasable commodity.

Peking is still subject to martial law, but even if civilian control were restored, the substance of power would remain in military hands. The politicians

exist merely on what they are thrown by the occupying war lords, and have to make the most of any opportunities of "squeeze" that come their way in the course of administrative business. The minor officials get nothing, and if they cannot rely on the bounty of relatives, have to turn to mental work for subsistence.

The Rule of the Soldier.

Confiscation is the right of any petty general. Lower down the scale, the private soldier exacts his desires either in robbery or rape. A Chinese business man recently took a trip to Nanking, leaving his wife and family in Peking. One night the residence was entered and half-a-dozen soldiers demanded permanent lodging. Notwithstanding the status of the family, the wife's complaints to the police were unavailing, and the womenfolk had to seek shelter at a friend's house.

At any time a posse of soldiers is likely to appear at a college and carry off professors or students, the excuse generally being alleged Red activities. A friend of mine, a President of a University, recently had such a visit, but, being warned in time, donned a student's clothes and made his escape over the roof. He holds honours from many of the cloistered institutions of Europe, but his present life resembles more the life of a gun-runner than of a scholar; no sooner had he returned to his lectures than he was nearly stabbed during a student brawl in class.

The Mukden occupation is constantly pricking the bubble of Peking as the national capital. Hitherto the faction in control has made an effort to bolster up a pretence of government. But not now. Even Peking generals refuse to accept promotions by "presidential mandate"; these would conflict with the scale in operation in Mukden and the supremacy in these matters of Chang Tso-lin. Subordinate officers, too, look askance at decorations received from any other authority than their commanders. The military dispense national awards with the utmost delightful absence of formality of governmental imprimatur.

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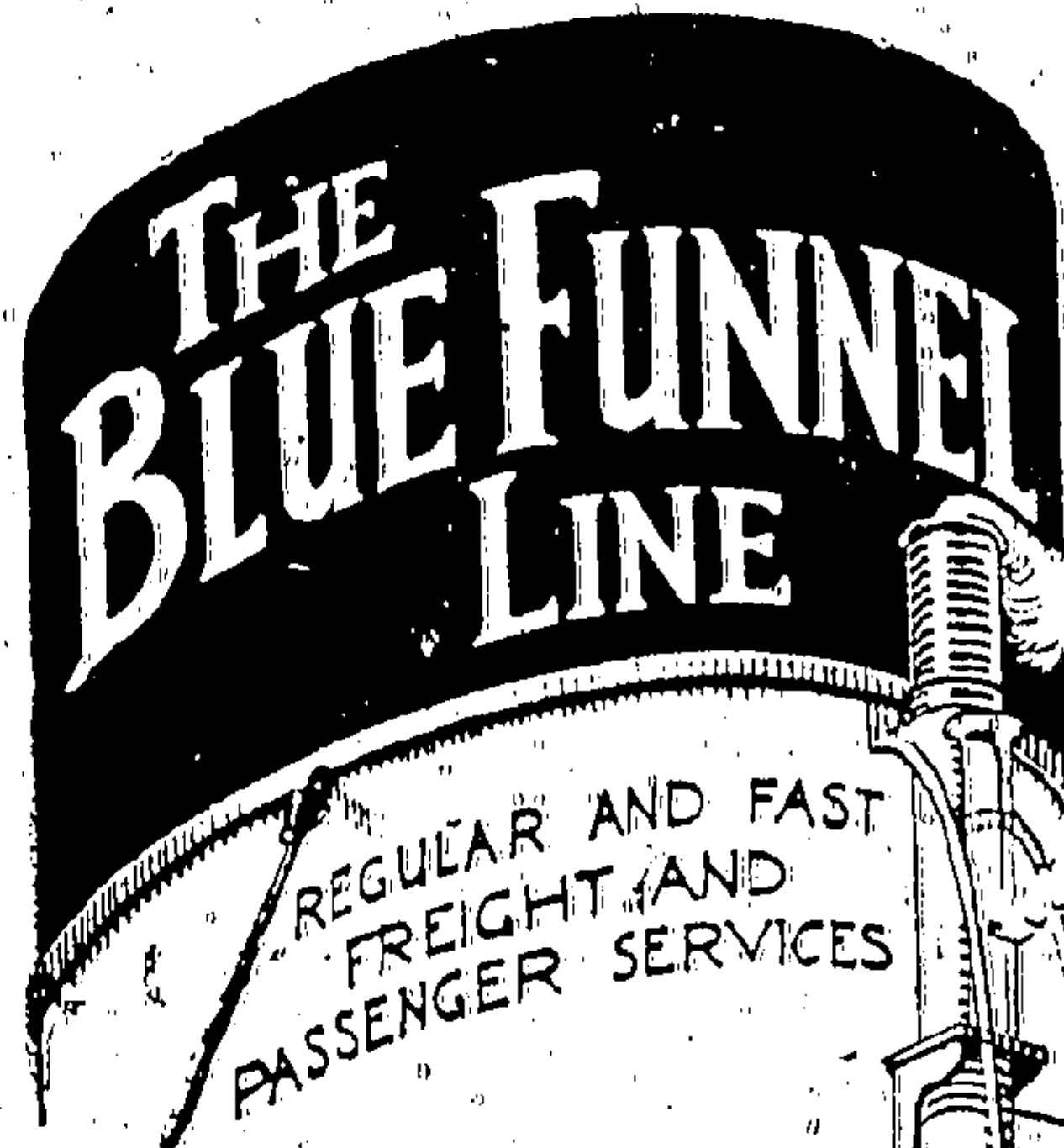
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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17.
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*Correspondence bearing vessel's name only.

"SUNNING" PIRACY.

(Continued from Page 1.)

Mr. Lo: Did you say from whom you took each article?—The men were lined up, and I pointed them out.
 Mr. Lo: There were thirteen there?—A few more.
 Mr. Lo: Did you pick out the thirteen?—I was only asked to pick out two.
 In reply to a question from the Bench, witness said that he did not make a list as he took the things from each man.
 His Worship: You had to trust to memory?—Yes.
 Re-examined by the Crown Solicitor, witness said that he remembered the watch because of the pendant.
 The next witness called by Mr. Holmes was Leading-Seaman John Edward Bird, who said that he was a member of the armed party that boarded the "Sunning" from the "Bluebell" on November 16. Witness helped to search the ship, and took thirteen Chinese into custody. The "Sunning" came into Hong Kong on the following day, and witness saw the thirteen men handed over to the Police.
 The Arrest of No. 6.
 Cross-examined by Mr. Lo, witness said that he did not remain in the fore part of the ship for very long.
 Mr. Lo: Were you present when a man was placed in custody during the afternoon?—Yes.
 Mr. Orr's 'boy' declared one of the men to be one of the pirates and he was promptly arrested.
 Mr. Lo: Were any Chinese present at the time?—Yes.
 Mr. Lo: Was he excited?—Yes, all the time.
 Mr. Lo: Did you see him holding a book?—No.
 Producing one of the exhibits, a book, Mr. Lo asked the witness whether he had seen it before. Witness said that he thought that it had been taken from one of the pirates before they were locked up for the night.
 Mr. Lo: That is very interesting. Were you present when they were searched?—Yes, but I did not search myself.
 Mr. Lo then asked witness whether he could recognise the man who was arrested in the afternoon; requesting witness to look carefully at the twenty defendants in Court.
 Witness: I cannot see him here.
 Shown a gold watch, witness said that it was taken from one of the arrested men, but he could not say from which man.
 His Worship: Was Lieut. Thurston present when that man was taken into custody?—No. He was in the after part of the ship at the time.
 Re-examined, witness said that the men were only roughly searched for arms at the beginning.
 Jumped Overboard.
 The Crown Solicitor then called Surgeon Lieut. William James Rankine, who said that he also acted as Paymaster on H.M.S. "Bluebell."
 Witness said that he was on the warship when she was approaching the burning ship. He was called at 6.30 a.m. He witnessed the operations during the early hours. The "Bluebell" left the "Sunning" at 11 a.m. Shortly after noon, they sighted a ship's boat, and drawing near, threw out a line. Witness saw a number of people coming on to the warship by means of a rope ladder. The master-at-arms was present. All except one man boarded the warship. The last man got on the foot of the ladder, hesitated, turned back and dived overboard.
 Mr. Holmes: What did you do then?—I ran aft and fetched a heaving line which I threw at the man. It passed over his head.
 His Worship: You saw that man in the water?—Yes, the line actually passed over his head. He did a back-hand stroke and didn't attempt to take it. I threw him a second line, which went two yards off. He sank and remained just below the surface of the water for a minute or so. Some of our sailors jumped into the life-boat and tried to locate the body, but were unable to do so. The man was never found.
 Asked by the Crown Solicitor whether he could say anything as to the appearance of the man,

witness said that he was wearing a soft felt hat, a black coat and pair of Chinese trousers, and had some prominent gold teeth at the front of his mouth. He appeared to have been wounded, as there was blood on the water where he dived in.

Mr. Holmes: What happened to the Chinese taken on board?—They were taken aft to the quarter-deck. An armed guard was put on and I was ordered to see that they were searched. Each man had a number chalked on the back of his coat, and a corresponding number was attached to the things taken from him. Each was put in a large service envelope and numbered. Later, after making a complete list of everything, I put them all in a bag and sealed it with the Admiralty seal. It was dealt with as a registered parcel, and handed over to the master-at-arms.

Cross-Examination.
 Cross-examined by Mr. d'Almada, witness said that he could identify a number of the defendants.

Mr. d'Almada: With regard to No. 2, do you think you could remember the occasion upon which he was being searched?—No.

Mr. d'Almada: I will tell you that he was on board. Now can you tell me what was found on him?—I can tell you from the list.

Mr. d'Almada: Was he wearing these cuff-links?—The master-at-arms will be able to tell you that.

Mr. Lo did not cross-examine. In reply to Mr. Leask, witness said that he remembered the 19th defendant, but could not remember whether or not he had tried to make a statement. "He was rather troublesome."

Mr. Leask: Do you think that he is normal?—I don't know much about the Chinese.
 Mr. Leask: Was he stubborn?—It might have been fear.

Pirates Handcuffed.
 Mr. Holmes then called Francis Edward Ellis, who said that he was master-at-arms on the "Bluebell." Witness corroborated the evidence of Surgeon-Lieut. Rankine as far as events on board the "Bluebell" were concerned, describing, in addition, the transfer of the prisoners from the "Bluebell" to H.M.S. "Vindictive."

Questioned by Mr. d'Almada, witness said that he did not remember how many cars were found in the life-boat. Witness agreed that a gold watch (produced) had been found inside the lining of a waist-coat, but could not swear that the waist-coat was being worn by the 2nd defendant.

The Ship's Carpenter.
 Mr. Leask: Do you recognise the 19th defendant?—I think he is the man who protested that he was the carpenter.

Mr. Leask: Did you hear him speaking in pidgin English?—No, I think he was too frightened. The Magistrate: \$1,000 in notes were found on him. Did he give any explanation?—I cannot remember.

Mr. Leask submitted that he had no case to answer.
 His Worship (to the Crown Solicitor): Is it worth pursuing the matter against him any further?

Mr. Holmes: No. And furthermore, I don't think it right that we should.
 The Magistrate: The 19th defendant is discharged.

Mr. Leask said that he would like to say that the very much appreciated the fair manner in which the Crown Solicitor had dealt with his client.

His Worship adjourned the hearing until 11.30 this morning.

PEDDER ST. CASE.

ARRESTED MEN AGAIN REMANDED.

The case in which two Chinese are charged with the attempted larceny of a number of watches from Messrs. Sennet Freres shop in Pedder Street was again before Major Wilson at the Central Magistracy this morning.

Upon being informed that both defendants pleaded "not guilty" his Worship said that it was not convenient to the Court to give the necessary time to the case this morning. The defendant would be remanded in custody until noon on Monday, when all witnesses would be required to attend.

HOWLS OF RAGE.

German Leader Called "Traitor."

UPROAR IN REICHSTAG.

Reichswehr Officers' Alleged Abuses.

Berlin, Dec. 16.
 The voting on the Social Democrats' motion of non-confidence mentioned earlier has been postponed until to-morrow after a lively debate.

Dr. Marx deprecated a "government crisis in view of the important international questions not settled at Geneva."
 The former Chancellor, Herr Scheidemann, on behalf of the Socialists, amid howls of rage and cries of traitor from the Right, denounced the alleged abuses of Reichswehr officers of whom he alleged some had acted illegally, for instance by obtaining money and munitions from Russia and recruiting exclusively from Nationalist organizations.

Dr. Stressemann's foreign policy being thwarted, Germany wished honestly to observe the peace treaties.

The Nationalists at this point indignantly withdrew.
 Herr Scheidemann demanded guarantees that the secret arming would cease, also that there would be "no more Soviet ammunition for German Guns."

Dr. Marx, in reply, said that the question of revising the recruiting regulations was being considered, but declared that Herr Scheidemann's allegations referred to the past and he did not admit their accuracy.—Reuter.

An Earlier Message.
 Berlin, Dec. 16.
 A political crisis, long simmering, has been precipitated by the action of the Social Democrats in submitting to the Reichstag a motion of non-confidence owing to dissatisfaction with the policy of the Defence Minister Gessler, whom they accuse of acting weakly towards the supposed reactionary elements of the Reichswehr.

The Socialists have passed a resolution in favour of entering a big coalition from which a Cabinet will be formed if the Government resign.

The latter has decided to accept the challenge and will abide by the decision of the Reichstag on the motion.—Reuter.

When a woman charged with being in possession of 745 Po Pin lottery tickets failed to appear at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday morning, Mr. T. W. Ainsworth ordered her bail of \$250 to be estimated.

NOTICES.

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